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Rep. Kiner in Support of HB 6011  
AAC A Juvenile Fire Safety Collaborative

Public Safety and Security Committee  
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Representative Dargan, Senator Hartley, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Giegler and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. For the record, my name is David Kiner, Representative for the 59<sup>th</sup> District in Enfield and East Windsor. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB 6011 "AAC A Juvenile Fire Safety Collaborative."

I will be speaking today on ensuring effective fire safety programs that will prevent injuries to families and juveniles, as well as the loss of life and property. Besides teaching families and the individual about fire safety, the bill will also allow for clinical interventions if necessary.

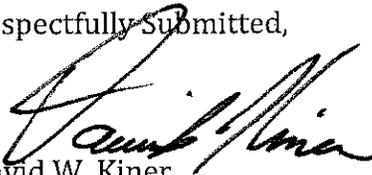
The consequences of juvenile fire setting can be tragic and costly. On average, 47% of all arrests for arson in this country are youths under the age of 18. Fire safety, specifically pertaining to children and youths, remain one of the most challenging problems facing today's fire service. In order to combat a problem as serious and persistent as juvenile fire safety, would require an integrative approach along with the valuable input from several community leaders.

I believe the state should address this ongoing problem by establishing the "Connecticut Juvenile Fire Safety Collaborative". The collaborative(s) will consist of representatives from various Law Enforcement and Emergency Services departments throughout the state, as well as representatives from Criminal Justice and Mental Health services.

This collaborative will focus on developing and institutionalizing an effective Juvenile Fire Safety Program statewide and adding to existing community collaboratives to address the issue of youth fire safety. The bill would address implementation issues to assure all youth are afforded the appropriate intervention to eliminate improper fire safety behavior. Finally, it would provide education to community leaders and families to improve the reporting of juveniles involved in fires.

Thank you all for your consideration. I look forward to taking your questions and working with you to move this proposal forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Kiner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

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