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## PLEASE SUPPORT AND AMEND SENATE BILL 386 –

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULTING A FIRE MARSHAL, DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL, FIRE INSPECTOR, BUILDING OFFICIAL OR ASSISTANT BUILDING OFFICIAL.***

The Connecticut Police & Fire Union (CPFU) represents approximately 900 dedicated law enforcement and firefighting professionals employed at numerous Connecticut state agencies and institutions.

Senate Bill 386 increases the penalty for those who choose to take physical action against those in the fire marshal's office who perform an essential and painstaking job. The fire marshals that we represent deserve the added protection provided under this proposal.

We appreciate that the Judiciary Committee has raised Senate Bill 386 to recognize that certain fire officials and building officials be protected. We are respectfully requesting that another job class be added to the list of those protected under this Statute. The Animal Control Officers (ACOs), who work for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, are frequently working in extremely dangerous situations when confronting citizens who are suspected of severely abusing or harming helpless animals. We contend that ACOs are dedicated public servants and should be added to the list of law enforcement and public health professionals protected by the provisions of Section 53a-167c. And while we only represent State ACOs, we do fully support the addition of municipal ACOs to this list as well.

We thank you for your consideration in amending Senate Bill 386 to include Animal Control Officers to those protected under this good legislative proposal.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact CPFU President Glenn Terlecki (860-953-2626) or Attorney Robert Shea (860-989-5567) for more information.

Thank you.