



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Catherine Osten, Co-Chair Planning & Development Committee  
Representative Jason Rojas, Co-Chair Planning & Development Committee  
Senator Len Fasano, Ranking Member Planning & Development Committee  
Representative Bill Aman, Ranking Member Planning & Development Committee

Members of the Planning & Development Committee,

### **Raised House Bill #5507 – AAC THE APPOINTMENT OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, BUILDING OFFICIALS AND FIRE MARSHALS**

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents more than 26,000 paid and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut. I would like to comment on the subject bill on the agenda for today's public hearing.

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association would like to **OPPOSE** that portion of Section #3 of this bill that would delete the "remove for cause" language from CGS 29-297. We believe that the deletion of this language could be detrimental to the citizens of the State of Connecticut.

It would be very difficult for a Fire Marshal to properly do his duties if he has to constantly fear for his job. We would request that the opening bracket on line 63 of LCO #2076 and the closing bracket on line 64 be deleted. This would restore the language of CGS 29-297 in LCO 2076 to as originally written.

We would ask that you make these changes to allow our local Fire Marshals to continue to enforce the state fire codes that save the lives of Connecticut's citizens. We will be happy to assist with the above changes.

Respectfully,

*Ted Schroll Jr.*

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative  
Connecticut State Firefighters Association

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