



**To: State of Connecticut House of Representatives Public Health Committee**

**Re: H. B. No. 5542 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PRIMARY SERVICE TASK FORCE**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony in favor of H. B. No. 5442

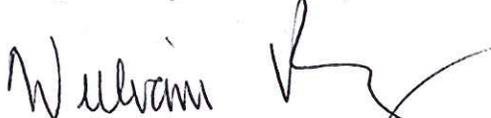
The Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. (CRFCA) was established on July 1, 1998, and is open for membership to any Chief Officer (active or retired) from municipal, volunteer or non-profit fire departments located within the Capitol Region. The Capitol Region and the Capitol Region Towns are defined as those towns that are members of the Capitol Region Council of Governments and/or DEMHS Region 3 of the State of Connecticut. Currently, 41 towns are eligible to participate. We serve as a lead agency for Regional Emergency Support Function (RESF) 4 Fire Service under the Regional Emergency Support (RESP) for Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region 3 and the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC).

Needless to say, our association is very familiar with the EMS PSA Task Force Final Report Recommendations. At our most recent meeting we unanimously voted to strongly and whole-heartedly back the recommendations of the Task Force. I know you have had the opportunity to listen to or read the numerous testimonies which have been submitted to you in favor of the recommendations in this report. I will say that the testimony given by Mary-ellen Harper to the MORE Commission on February, 28, 2014, outlines everything and anything we could say about the conclusions of the Task Force.

Recommendation #5 is critical for the towns of our Capitol Region as it should be to all the cities and towns in Connecticut. The CRFCA respectfully request that Recommendation # 5 be added into HB5542.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity for the CRFCA to state its opinion on this very important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Perez", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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