



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Joan Hartley, Co-Chair Public Safety Committee  
Representative Stephen Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety Committee  
Senator Tony Guglielmo, Ranking Member Public Safety Committee  
Representative Jan Giegler, Ranking Member Public Safety Committee

Members of the Public Safety Committee,

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 a few of the bills on the agenda for today's public hearing.

**Raised Senate Bill #101 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING FIRST RESPONDER DAY** – We would support the concept behind this bill. We will be following this bill to ensure proper language to include organized volunteer personnel.

**Raised Senate Bill #103 – AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS** – We would fully support this initiative. We believe that proper maintenance of fire apparatus must be performed to ensure the safety of fire personnel.

**Raised House Bill #5150 – AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS** – We are in support of this legislative initiative. It is our understanding that this bill is a collaborative effort between the Department of Administrative Services and the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association (CFMA). We fully support the CFMA in their efforts to improve fire safety for the citizens of the State of Connecticut.

Respectfully,

*Ted Schroll Jr.*

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