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Subject: Public Hearing Agenda, 3 February 2015 "Proposed S.B. No 103"

My name is Steve Johnson. My wife Sharon and I reside at 482 Main Street, New Canaan, CT.

Our son, Kevin Johnson, died in a house fire in Poughkeepsie, NY on 21 January 2012. Two friends also perished with him, Eva Block and Kerry Rose Fitzsimons. The house was equipped with smoke detectors but not a sprinkler system. Had a sprinkler system been in place our children would be with us today.

Proposed SB No 103 is designed to alert all potential renters of a dwelling of the existence or non-existence of an operative sprinkler system in that dwelling. This simple act can save lives. On the 5th August, 2014 The State of New York passed similar legislation (NYS Bills S5212A, A7641A).

We are represented in Hartford by Toni Boucher and Tom O'Dea; both members have expressed their support of proposed measure SB No 103.

Please make this proposed measure a reality.

Thank you.

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