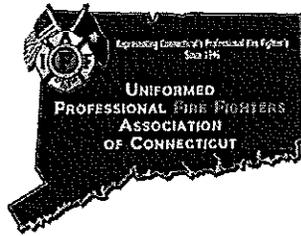


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Good afternoon, Honorable Chairmen Rep Tercyak, Sen. Gomes, Honorable members of the Labor and Public Employee Committee, my name is Richard Hart. I represent the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association of Connecticut which represents 60 Local affiliates of the International Association of Firefighters. Membership in the UPPFA is comprised of approximately 4,000 Union firefighters in Connecticut.

I am submitting testimony in **opposition** of HB 6930 An Act Concerning Regional Collective Bargaining. The idea of creating an interlocal bargaining unit would be counterproductive to the "home rule" concept embraced by Connecticut since at least 1959. The logistical and financial nightmare that would be experienced would not make the endeavor worthwhile. Imagine Hartford and East Hartford entering into an interlocal agreement providing fire service to both municipalities. Just navigating the contractual issues and vested interests of each bargaining unit would make this prohibitive. Then the operational issues of two different organizations and the process of assimilating the two organizations would take an extraordinary amount of time and money. The collective bargaining process is best served when used locally to solve local issues. Please do not move HB 6930 forward.

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