

ENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

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Public Health Committee
Room 3000, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

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Testimony Re: Senate Bill #999

Dear Honorable Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members:

I am writing to ask that Section 1 of S.B. #999 be deleted from the raised bill. As currently written, Section 1 of the bill grants an EMS provider the means to circumvent the Incident Command System (ICS) structure that is required as a component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and is mandated by OSHA at all hazardous materials incidents. S.B. #999 also is in conflict with CGS 7-313e that provides the senior fire officer (Incident Commander) at an incident scene with command and control of the incident. The current wording in Section 1 of S.B. #999 allows an EMS provider to act without due regard for the incident organization structure and contrary to the incident action plan established by the Incident Commander. Please contact me if I can provide further information or address any questions you may have.

Respectfully yours,

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