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February 18, 2015

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
50 South Main Street, Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor
West Hartford, CT 06107

Re: H.B. No. 6777 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

Dear Committee Members:

As a fire sprinkler expert, licensed designer, licensed contractor, a sitting member of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Technical Committees, and a sitting member of the Department of Consumer Protection Fire Protection Board, I support the installation of fire extinguishing systems in new residential buildings.

To best manage the issue of cost, to offset the expense and financial burden on the citizens and consumers, and in exchange for acceptance, adoption, and enactment of the proposed legislation, this act must incontrovertibly include allowances as follows:

1. Any installation, maintaining, or repair, of an automatic fire extinguishing system; fire sprinkler system; and/or fire suppression system (fire system), for income producing property and real estate, shall be exempted from any State Sales and Use Tax
2. Property tax abatements shall be promoted, as these system reduce the costs of municipal fire-fighting costs
3. Planning and Zoning offsets (e.g. setbacks, building densities, means of egress, adjacent property exposure protection, etc.) allowed by the state and local authorities, shall be endorsed and promoted

Trust the points listed above are amenable to all involved, as these most certainly will be in favor of the citizens and consumers. Please file this testimony at the time of the The Public Safety and Security Committee public hearing on **Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hartford Town Hall**

Sincerely,

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