



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Andrew Maynard, Co-Chair Transportation Committee
Representative Antonio Guerrero, Co-Chair Transportation Committee
Senator Toni Boucher, Ranking Member Transportation Committee
Representative Tom O'Dea, Ranking Member Transportation Committee

Members of the Transportation 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 **Proposed House Bill #6354, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF FIRE APPARATUS.**

We would ask that the Transportation Committee support this bill. Many small town volunteer Fire Departments do not have a large amount of the resources that are required to accomplish what has become an unfunded mandate. Many small town volunteer Fire Departments have to resort to community fund raising efforts just to operate their apparatus.

Rather than charge a fee to municipalities for these safety inspections, we would suggest that the Department of Motor Vehicles fund this program within their biennial budget.

These safety inspections benefit not only the municipalities and its employees; they provide a level of safety to Connecticut's citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee.

Respectfully,

Ted Schroll Jr.

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
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