

Housing Committee
Legislative Office Building Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106

Members of the committee:

I am writing this letter in regard to SB 174 which deals with the issue of fire marshal's gaining access to multi-family properties. While this bill merits consideration it is of little value in the matter at hand which is the habitual lack of inspections per C.G.S 29-305 and C.G.S. 29-298 to name a few. I have 14 years of verifiable FOI responses from hundreds of Connecticut fire marshals and to my recollection none noted the inability to perform the act of fire inspection on any occupancy under the C.S.F.S.C. because they could not access the property to be inspected.

This bill is a smoke screen rather than a remedy to the issue of fire inspections. SB 195, SB 25 and SB 476 deal with the matter of non-compliance in this matter and unfortunately they sit languishing in the Public Safety and Security Committee with no activity pending. I would ask that you review these specific proposed bills and contact at your discretion fire safety officials and the noted committee as to why this is occurring. I would be more than willing to meet with your committee with supporting documentation on this vital issue. My research will validate the death and injury of scores of Connecticut residents in occupancies that were not inspected pursuant to the law. This matter is of the utmost importance in that public safety is neither being assured or addressed by the General Assembly or fire officials which I have contacted over the years. One would think that it should not take 14 years to address an issue that has been a matter of the law for decades. Unfortunately, that is not the case in this matter.

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