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To Whom It May Concern,

I agree with propose Senate Bill 439 ; I have been involved with the Fire Service for over forty years and have been a Fire Chief for thirty one years of a combination Fire Department. I have responded to numerous extremely hazardous incidents with DEEP HAZ-MAT over the last forty years. Some of these responses do require the response of Branch Managers. All members of the DEEP Hazardous Material Response Division should be equally eligible for hazardous duty provision of the pension.

The Branch Manager response to scene is equal to a Fire Chief response usually due to the condition that exist is more hazardous and require their experience and knowledge to bring the incident to successful conclusion.

If supervisor are not consider emergency responders and not given the same pension you will not get your qualify existing employee to move into these position.

Therefore everyone who responds should be entitling to the same benefits that all hazardous duties responder receive.

Respectfully,

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