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Dear Distinguished Labor Committee Members, It has come to my attention that SB 00439 contains an item that addresses Hazardous Duty Retirement Benefit for present & future positions of Director and Assistant Director of within the CTDEEP Emergency Response and Spill Prevention - Emergency Response Unit. It is clear that based on other State senior leadership positions of similar duties & responsibilities of hazardous and emergency response who hold the Hazardous Duty Retirement Benefit ; that inconsistent treatment and selective mal-discretion towards the fore mentioned CTDEEP positions are evident. It is prudent, reasonable and essential to provide the public with best qualified individuals who are attentive and responsive via succession to perform the many critical situation-specific events & day to day operations Statewide. Thus State statutory authority and functional responsibility (field & administration)services are exacted in the best possible way. Qualified potential candidates are opting not to apply to these senior leadership positions thus relinquishing/ forfeiting their Hazardous Duty Retirement Benefit due to significant disincentives. I myself (former/ret employee) within this Unit who holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Science would have seriously considered such a senior leadership position in management if I could have retained my Hazardous Duty Ret. Benefit. With founded hope , I endorse that this request for the Hazardous Duty Retirement Benefit to the fore-mentioned positions be favorably received and implemented where it rightfully belongs.

Respectfully with Best Regards to all , Ron Wofford MS, MA
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