



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Catherine Osten, Co-Chair Planning & Development Committee
Representative Philip Miller, Co-Chair Planning & Development Committee
Senator Art Linares, Ranking Member Planning & Development Committee
Representative William Aman, Ranking Member Planning & Development Committee

Members of the Planning & Development 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. We would ask for your support for:

Proposed House Bill #5879, AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.

This legislation was first implemented in 1999. This legislation has been advantageous for many small town municipalities to use this initiative as a Recruitment & Retention tool for volunteer personnel.

We would mention that since this is enabling legislation and not a mandate, it will only have an impact on those municipalities that make the decision to implement this benefit for their volunteer emergency services personnel. Also, increasing the maximum abatement amount allows each participating municipality to provide the benefit that is affordable to them.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Planning & Development Committee.

Respectfully,

Ted Schroll Jr.

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
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