

**John H. Walsh, Retired.**

Good Morning Honorable representatives

I am Chief John Walsh retired Fire Chief.

I am writing to enlist your kind support of the bill to require the Insurance Companies to fund our

fire service training program within the State of CT.

I have actively served in the fire service for a total of fifty years. During these years I have witnessed

the great advances our fire training schools and instructors have accomplished.

While fire chief for the Willimantic I was an active member serving on the Board of Directors of the

Willimantic Fire School. Our B.O.D. was very progressive as was the instructors and students.

The Walsh Family is a family of firefighters, presently serving or have served in the following fire department, Blue Hills V.F.D, Hartford, Kensington, New London, Newington, New Britain,

New Haven, Windsor, Windsor Locks. Many of these Walsh members are required to attend training classes to participate in the advancement within their respective fire departments.

Please vote favorable on this bill.