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To the distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

As you all must be aware; Governor Malloy in his latest budget eliminated all funding for the operations of the Regional Fire Schools. This money was used to fund the Regional Fire Schools to deliver the State and OSHA mandated Firefighting training. Without this money, it will be the responsibility of the individual departments/municipalities and in the case of volunteers; many of them will have to pay the entire costs of training themselves. A Firefighter I Class will cost upwards of \$1500 per student. As you can see this will be quite a burden on your municipalities and individual firefighters.

HB5518 will provide funding for the operational budgets of the Regional Fire Schools from a surcharge on certain insurance policy renewals.

We need your support to vote and pass this bills. Without it, it will be the devastating end to firefighting training in the state of Connecticut as we know it and have been accustomed to receiving. It will surely put an end to the fire schools in Connecticut. Please support and pass HB5518.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. I thank you in advance for your anticipated support and cooperation in this request.

Sincerely,
Chief Charles M. Stankye, III (ret)
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