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Joint Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

As the Chief of the Shelton Fire Department and representing the 262 all-volunteer firefighter membership of the Shelton Fire Department.

We support **House Bill # 5518**.

AN ACT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN PERSONAL RISK INSURANCE POLICIES TO FUND REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS' OPERATING BUDGETS AND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER TRAINING COSTS AND PURCHASES OF FIRE EQUIPMENT .

This proposed bill provides a funding source for the Regional Fire Training Schools which essential to ensuring that our firefighters are able to receive the training needed to provide services to their communities. Initial and ongoing training is necessary to protect the health and safety of the firefighters, and those whom which they serve. The training provided by the Regional Fire Schools allows both career and volunteer firefighters to obtain the necessary training close to their communities. This promotes further training and education, and thus a safer, more efficient firefighting force within the communities.

I appreciate your attention to ensuring that funding can be fully restored to the State of Connecticut proposed budget supporting the Regional Fire Schools, and the training necessary for the men and women of the Connecticut Fire Service.

Thank you,

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