



Testimony of Kidde before the Public Safety & Security Committee
Regarding SB124, An Act Requiring Smoke Detectors in Residential Buildings

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Kidde, part of UTC Climate, Controls and Security headquartered in Farmington, Connecticut, appreciates the opportunity to offer the following comments in support of SB124. Kidde is a leading innovator and manufacturer of residential fire safety products, including carbon monoxide and smoke alarms for both residential and commercial applications.

Smoke alarms have been widely required in homes by states since the late 1970s. If properly installed and maintained, smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. According to the NFPA, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Yet according to the latest research by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) three out of every five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

SB124, if passed, will promote the increased use of smoke alarms in residential dwellings in Connecticut. Kidde commends the sponsors and members of the Committee for elevating the need for homes to be equipped with working smoke alarms. We urge your support of SB124, as its implementation will help save Connecticut lives. Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee on this important safety issue. We hope you will call on Kidde if we can be a resource to you in any way.