



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Timothy Larson, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee
Representative Stephen Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee
Senator Tony Guglielmo, Ranking Member Public Safety & Security Committee
Representative Lezlye Zupkus, Ranking Member Public Safety & Security Committee

Members of the Public Safety & Security 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. Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee regarding the noted bill.

Raised Senate Bill #239, AN ACT REQUIRING VERIFICATION TO REDUCE FALSE ALARMS

We would oppose passage of this bill as written. It appears to us that with the language provided in Section 1(a)(1) which includes the wording "fire or smoke condition" on line 6 & 7 and the wording "fire alarm systems" on line 11 might lead to an interpretation that this bill could/would include fire alarm responses.

We understand that this committee realizes that any delay in a reporting an alarm of fire can be crucial. We believe that as a fire progresses, a one minute delay can increase a fire's intensity by four fold. We would request that you remove any and all references in this bill to fire alarms or fire alarm systems and any references that could be interpreted as causing a delay in fire alarm reporting.

Thank you again for this opportunity to address this very important issue with the Public Safety & Security Committee.

Respectfully,

Ted Schroll Jr.

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
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