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AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS BY FIRE MARSHALS

Testimony of Bob De Cosmo, President of the CT Property Owners Alliance, LLC. In opposition to S.B. 259

Honorable members of the Housing Committee, I appreciate this opportunity to supply testimony on allowing non-experts to act as Fire Marshals

The Connecticut Property Owners Alliance represents approximately 16,000 rental units and believes only licensed and trained Fire Marshals should conduct life safety inspections in order to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

I served recently on the Town of Meriden's task-force to update its housing code and it was clear that Fire Safety should not be taken lightly or placed into the hands of a non-trained fire marshal.

We strongly oppose putting the public at risk and this is what the proposal will do, we oppose this Bill.

Sincerely,

Bob DeCosmo