

## State of Connecticut

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*Via facsimile 202-225-1031*

The Honorable John B. Larson  
United States Representative  
1419 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larson:

I write in support of your proposed legislation to protect our local volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) from the unwarranted federal taxation of local tax abatements they may receive. These abatements are provided as tokens of gratitude and encouragement from their local towns for the invaluable services they provide so selflessly.

These dedicated volunteers make an important contribution to the safety of all our citizens, whether we live in towns which rely on volunteers or merely pass through those towns. Emergency responders give up their time and sometimes risk their lives for us. Their towns' recognition of their dedication and personal sacrifice should not subject them to a tax bill.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you in this effort.

Very truly yours,

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