William Keith North waterboro LD 1105

Dear Members of the Committee on Labor,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is William Keith, and I am a Federal Firefighter for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I am writing to ask for your support of LD 1105: An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine.

LD 1105 is critically important to Maine's federal firefighters as it addresses key concerns regarding their placement if impacted by the federal government's reduction of federal employees here in Maine. By enhancing support and resources for displaced federal firefighters, the legislation recognizes the essential role they can play in being hired by public sector fire departments and becoming members of their respective Fire/EMS programs. LD 1105 aims to improve recruitment and retention for our public sector fire departments while helping to maintain an effective Fire/EMS workforce. Ultimately, the passage of LD 1105 underscores Maine's commitment to protecting those who protect us, ensuring they are recognized, adequately supported and hopefully hired to fill vacant public sector fire department vacancies

Thank you for your consideration, and I appreciate your commitment to supporting federal firefighters.

Sincerely, William Keith Waterboro, ME