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131st Maine Legislature
Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LD1280

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of LD 1280 *An Act to Invest in Maine's Fire Service Training Facilities.*

I am sure you all are aware that Maine's Firefighter workforce is in crisis. Fire Departments around the state, from the largest career fire departments to the smallest volunteer fire departments, are finding it increasingly more difficult to recruit and retain Firefighters.

Quality training is the cornerstone of recruitment and retention of fire service personnel. The people of this Great State deserve, and should demand, qualified and competent public servants.

Firefighters are first on scene of every emergency in Maine. They must be properly trained. This bill will provide the funding to provide facilities to conduct quality and proper training of our Firefighters.

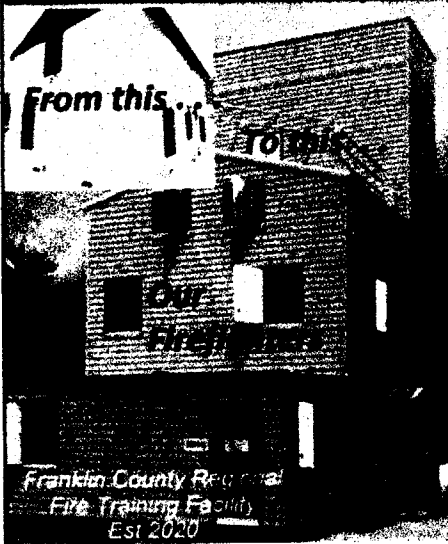
I do hope you will support LD1280, Maine's future depends on it.

Very Respectfully,

Roger S. Hooper
Chief Fire Administrator, York County



Maine Fire Protection Services Commission LD 1280



Support Improvements for Maine's Firefighters — support LD 1280