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LD 109

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice, and Public Safety. My name is Timothy Hardy, and I am the Fire Chief of the Town of Farmington Fire Department. I write this in support of LD 109, An Act to Improve Safety for Individuals Living in Recovery Residences.

LD 109 will improve safety of individuals living in recovery residences in the event of a fire. My job as Fire Chief, is to ensure the safety of the people residing in the town of Farmington. Our town has locally adopted the NFPA 1 Fire Code and NFPA 101 life safety code to give us the ability to apply fire prevention codes to the buildings in our community. Throughout my time in the Fire Service, I have experienced the loss of life in residential fires and the risk an incident like this puts onto the firefighters attempting to rescue these citizens. I feel the best way to prevent these incidents is to use the safeguards that are outlined in the life safety code to prevent these situations. By passing LD 109, allows us to apply the codes that are already in place as it is defined to regulate these residences. This will ensure the life safety of residents living in these residences.

Thank You for your time, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Timothy D. Hardy, Fire Chief