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Via Electronic Mail

To: **Senate Committee on Judiciary**; Representatives: Noble; Post; [and many others].

Re: **[SB 290]** Volunteer Fire Fighters should be protected! And so should their families!

[SB 290]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB290/Introduced>
Analysis: Government Impact Statement:
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/43039>

I am grateful to Senators Hansell and Johnson for having the foresight rarely evidenced in legislation that protects those that protects us.

There are not enough words in my vocabulary that can fully express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the Volunteer Firefighters who risk being burned to death and or maimed to save us from the same fate.

Consider amending **[SB 290]** to include additional "protections" to Volunteer Firefighters.

Review and analyze adding injured Volunteer Firefighters as a "class" of the State of Oregon's employees for the express purpose of having their injuries covered by the State's "workers-compensation" program.

Review and analyze the cost to create a financial instrument to fund a "retirement contribution system."

Review and analyze the cost to create a financial instrument to fund a "Widows and Orphans FUND" to substantially care for the families of the fallen Volunteer Firefighters.

"Two-thumbs-up" for Senators Hansell and Johnson!

And an infinite number of "Thumbs-up" for our valiant Volunteer Firefighters!

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall

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