



OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

International Association of Fire Fighters
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Senate Committee on Rules
Chair Senator Kate Lieber
Vice Chair Senator Tim Knopp

Re: Executive Appointments
Management Labor Advisory Committee (Labor Committee Member)

Chair Lieber and Vice Chair Knopp and Committee,

For the record, I'm Karl Koenig, from the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council, representing 3700 Fire Fighters, Paramedics, Wildland Fire Firefighters and Fire Prevention Professionals throughout Oregon.

We are supporting the nomination of Sarah Merrick for Labor Committee member. Sarah's experience as a Fire Fighter Paramedic, Paramedic educator at both Chemeketa Community College and Salem Fire Department.

Ms. Merrick's professional qualifications and street level experience are well suited to add value to the committee. She has a appetite for learning and gaining experience by challenging her breadth of knowledge in areas such as vehicle design for Mass Casualty Unit and selection of new breathing apparatus for the department.

Personally, she is on the Benevolent Fund for IAFF Local 314 which supports philanthropy throughout the greater Salem Area. She is an instructor for Global Mission Readiness an all-volunteer capacity educating Fire Department, Military and Civil Defense providers trauma life support, fire suppression techniques around the world.

Fire Fighter Paramedic Merrick comes with our highest recommendation for appointment to MLAC. She is a consummate professional, experience and has the learning agility to take on this important representative member of MLAC.



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Please reach out if you have any questions regarding her recommendation for appointment to MLAC.

Regards,

Karl Koenig s/s

Karl Koenig
President
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