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On behalf of the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (YRFPD), I am writing to ask you to most strongly support Senate Bill 728.

As you know volunteer firefighters are become a scarce commodity. In my 60 years in the fire service, I started with a pool of 60 plus volunteers today we have 4. There are numerous reasons for such reductions, one of them being volunteers are required to have the same amount of training hours and continuing education hours as paid firefighters. This is a huge time commitment, which I believe is why volunteers are harder to come by than ever before.

Senate Bill 728 might help incentivize more people to become or remain a volunteer; which the fire service needs very badly.

Thank you for your support of our small and proud, Fire District.

Frankie Petrick
Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District