

Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota

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Senate Appropriations Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Darren Schimke, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota representing 415 professional firefighters across our great state. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1010.

We see firsthand how essential the 100% return of the Insurance Premium Tax is to fire fighters across the entire State as suggested in the North Dakota State Auditors Report.

This appropriation to the fire service assists with bridging the gap to cover costs associated with fire fighter training, fire fighting equipment and fire fighter safety. This type of appropriation directly saves lives and does aid in having qualified fire fighters respond to the North Dakota citizens call for help.

The Professional Fire Fighter of North Dakota requests your consideration of a Do Pass recommendation of HB 1010 from the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you,

Darren Schimke