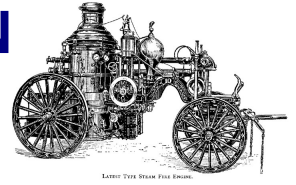




RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

*Incorporated November 6, 1967
Chief Scott Partington, President*



March 1, 2021

Representative Joseph Solomon Jr., Chairman
House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill #5269

Dear Chairman Solomon,

As Chairman of the House Corporations Committee, the RI Association of Fire Chiefs would like you, and the members of your committee, to know that the RI Association of Fire Chiefs are opposed to H-5269, which prevents the forced sale of real estate owned by persons who owe fire, water, sewer, road or lighting districts.

Our opposition is strictly related to the inclusion of fire districts in this bill. We would like to see fire districts removed from this bill so that they can continue to have this important tool that's needed for extreme situations to collect past due taxes owed. This important tool, seldom used to its final conclusion, offers the ultimate incentive to stubborn tax delinquents who need to realize that fire districts cannot be ignored. Most situations are regularly dealt with prior to actually getting to the tax sale.

As always, I am available to answer any questions you may have or to meet with you or your staff at any time. I can be reached on my cell phone at 401-692-0795 or by email at rifirechiefs@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration & continued support of the RI fire service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Susi".

Chief Richard A. Susi, Ret.
Executive Director
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