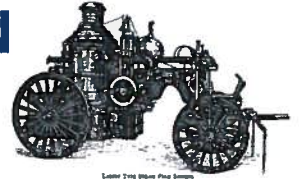




RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

Incorporated November 6, 1967
Chief Scott Partington, President



March 1, 2021

Representative Marvin Abney, Chairman
House Finance Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill #5531

Dear Chairman Abney,

As Chairman of the House Finance 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-5531, requiring 50 cents of the E-911 surcharges be deposited in a restricted receipt account for infrastructure improvements for local law enforcement agencies. Our opposition to the bill relates strictly to its exclusion of the infrastructure of local fire service agencies. We feel that fire service agencies are equally associated with E-911, and should not be excluded from the benefits of this bill.

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 cursive script that reads "Richard A. Susi".

Chief Richard A. Susi, Ret.
Executive Director
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