



# Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Becker, Ranking Member Rogers and members of the House Ways and Means Committee. Please accept this written proponent testimony for HB 17.

The Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters represents over 12,000 fulltime fire and EMS providers in over 250 jurisdictions across Ohio. My name is Jim Carney, I am a fulltime Fire Captain and Paramedic and the Director of Governmental Affairs for the OAPFF.

Ohio's first responders serve our citizens with valor and honor every day. These brave men and women risk their lives in order to protect the people of this great State.

HB 17 expands the homestead exemption for survivors of first responders killed in the line of duty. This expansion will provide much needed relief for those families that have suffered the ultimate sacrifice.

The OAPFF supports this expansion and we ask for the committee to favorably report HB 17.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.