

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, Members of the Committee thank you for consideration of support designating the first week of February as Burn Awareness Week as proposed in SB 278.

The Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters (OAPFF) strongly supports the efforts to bring awareness to the impacts posed to Ohioans by life altering injuries or even death posed by burns and thermal insult. While we have enjoyed measurable success in fire prevention, which is recognized in October of each year, there is still work to be done, and we owe it to burn survivors, victims, and their families such that we can prevent future tragedies and other Ohioans from experiencing what far too many already endured.

The value of burn awareness, and prevention through education cannot be overstated as the social, mental and economic impacts posed across our communities and state are severe. On behalf of the over 12,000 professional Fire Fighters that compose the OAPFF we thank you for your consideration of SB 278.

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