



**Ohio House Pension Committee**  
HB 296, Interested Party Written Testimony  
**Doug Price, Battalion Captain 9C, Akron Fire Department, Local #330**  
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Chairman Mathews, Vice Chair King, Ranking Member Lightbody, and members of the House Pensions Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony as an Interested Party for House Bill 296. My name is Doug Price, Battalion Captain 9C for Akron Fire Department, Local #330.

## **My Story**

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I attended the University of Akron after high school and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education.

I took the Civil Service Exam to become a firefighter after one year of teaching. I realized that teaching was not for me. I like to work with my hands and be physically active. I like to help people and I'm drawn to the adrenalin rush that is the nature of our work. It has been the perfect fit for me.

### **We Didn't Get Into Fire Fighting For The Money**

I work with the best of the best, genuinely good people, hardworking, salt of the earth types. I/We did not get into this for the money, no one does. We continue this work because it's fulfilling and it's stable. We help people when they need it most. In turn, get paid a fair wage, benefits and hopefully a pension. I've known many firefighters who have retired and died shortly after. I've known more than a few die from cancer on the job or shortly after retirement. I guess it's just part of the risk we take. As I sit here writing this, I wouldn't change a thing.

I respectfully request you to vote in favor of HB 296.