

Andover Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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Subject: HB 476

Chair Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, Ranking Member Rose Sweeney, and members of the Ohio House Finance Committee;

I write in support of HB 476, to allow Fire Departments like mine the ability to continue our fundraising efforts as we have been doing. Roughly a fourth of our annual income is from fundraising thru our annual raffle. While it is generally not online, during Covid we were forced to host it online for two years. We also have been considering starting an online raffle to further supplement our income. From our research, online raffles offer some the greatest returns for the effort expended.

Fundraising is critical to the volunteer fire service. I don't know of a single fire department we work with that is not dependent on fundraising for a significant portion of their budget. Being able to raise funds in the most efficient way enables the firefighters to focus on what matters most - firefighting.

Thank you,

Ryan S. Buie
President
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