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Honorable Thomas E. Brinkman
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
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Columbus, OH 43215

Chair Brinkman:

Columbus Fire Fighters, EMTs and Paramedics are among the largest stakeholders in the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund. It is my privilege to write to you and the members of the Insurance Committee to convey our fervent support for this critical legislation that is House Bill 512. We want our 1,600 brave Fire Fighters, EMTs and Paramedics focused on taking care of those in their critical moment of need, not wondering whether they'll be able to retire with any sense of security.

This profession is a calling, a privilege, but it takes a real toll on the people who step up to put others first. We have seen firsthand the suffering from the likes of traumatic injuries, occupational cancer and an undeniable wave of PTSD impacting our public safety professionals across the entire state of Ohio.

We are at a critical moment in our state's history as we look to how public safety is prioritized in our municipalities. This legislation is crucial to ensure the stability and sustainability of our applicant pools as well as maintaining the highly pool of highly qualified police officers, fire fighters and EMS providers serving Ohioans throughout our great state.

Respectfully,

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