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Good afternoon Chairman Hottinger, Vice Chair Hackett, Ranking Member Brown and members of the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee. My name is Jim Carney, I am a fulltime Fire Captain/ Paramedic and the Director of Governmental Affairs for the OAPFF. The OAPFF represents over 12,000 fulltime firefighters and EMS providers across Ohio.

I am writing you today as an interested party regarding SB317. SB 317 would allow retired pension fund members to be elected chairperson of the pension boards. We have worked with the pension fund board members, staff and interested parties to come to an agreement that this change can be done with a policy change and does not require legislative action.

We ask that SB 317 be tabled and that the pension board be allowed to change this policy early next year. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Respectfully,

Jim Carney