

Expressing the need for federal tax relief to encourage the installation of fire sprinkler in residential and commercial buildings.

Whereas, there are over 3,500 civilian fire deaths each year with approximately 81% taking place in residential buildings;

Whereas, approximately 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year;

Whereas, over 20,000 people are injured each year in fires;

Whereas, NFPA estimates that fire causes over \$10 billion in direct property damage each year;

Whereas, there has never been a multi-death fire in a fully sprinklered building;

Whereas, NFPA estimate that there can be 74% reduction in home fire deaths with operational fire sprinklers;

Whereas, NFPA estimates a 42-70% decrease in property loss when there are operational fire sprinklers;

Whereas, Firefighter safety will improve with wide spread use of fire sprinkler systems;

Be it resolved, CFSI supports legislation to provide tax relief for the installation of fire sprinklers in residential and commercial buildings;

Submitted by the National Fire Sprinkler Association

NO SPECIFIC LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE

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