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Representative John Dougall
Utah House of Representatives
WO30 Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Representative Dougall:

Recently, members of our organization were informed that legislation was being considered that would change the Firefighter Retirement System from a defined benefit program to a defined contribution program.

We realize that issues of this type are in constant fluctuation and discussion and we appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this dialogue. With regard to this topic, ***the Fire Chiefs of the State of Utah respectively stand together with our Firefighters in opposition to any change in the retirement system.***

Collectively, we agree, that the current Retirement System is well funded, conservatively managed and is a benefit to all engaged in our service. Therefore, please accept this letter as a formal endorsement of the Utah State Retirement System, Firefighter Pension Program.

Should you have any questions, or, if we may be of assistance as discussions of this type ensue, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your willingness to serve our State and its citizens.

Sincerely,

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