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To: Kentucky Firefighters Association
Resolution Committee

Reference: Proposal for Exemption from State Fuel Tax

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Whereas, the fire departments, fire districts, and emergency medical service departments are a vital part of a community and provide special services for people throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Whereas, these departments/districts are operating on tight fiscal budgets and may not be able to afford up-to-date safety oriented equipment for their members to do an adequate job without the fear of injury or even death.

Whereas, a particular budget line item that is affecting such departments/districts is the escalating cost of fuel. It is very complicated to budget these costs with the unknowns of future fuel costs.

Whereas, to provide adequate monies for fuel, other equipment may not be purchased.

Whereas, currently, the State Fuel Tax is approximately 15 to 20 cents per gallon.

Whereas, the emergency responses in the Alexandria Fire District and other areas of the Commonwealth are rising at a rapid pace and will continue to do so in the future as growth occurs.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kentucky Firefighters Association support legislation to permit fire departments/districts to be exempt from State Fuel Taxes or a portion thereof.

Respectfully Submitted,

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