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Hi, my name is Mike Murphy President of the Apple Valley Fire Relief Association, and I'm not in favor of this state supplemental benefit change. I feel that the Robinhood change proposed hurts a great many firefighters. I'll admit that outstate and small departments would greatly benefit, but considering every firefighter and divvying up the supplemental benefit allocation equally doesn't seem to fit work and call loads. I would support a tiered system, it's no secret that the metro area has larger departments with more members, as well as busier service areas. To say that every firefighter in the state gets a little more that \$315 per firefighter per year looks and sounds great on paper, but the reality is it hurts the metro area firefighters and their pension funding. My city stands to lose \$40,000, which is \$635 per firefighter. I know this isn't a large amount, but over time adds up and drastically affects us. Right now your proposal would make every firefighter equal, but I don't see how that benefits everyone, I myself would lose funding, as well as many if not all metro area departments, my city alone runs 2200+ calls a year, and a small outstate department runs a fraction of that. I'm not diminishing the job they do, we all do the same job and very proudly, but the call and time commitment for us metro area firefighters is significantly higher than that of outstate firefighters. I go on roughly 400 calls a year on a paid on call department, sometimes 2 or 3 in a row before getting back to the station, sometimes multiple times a day or night multiple nights a week, and it's a sacrifice I've been committed to making for the past 13.5 years with Apple Valley. I don't feel that the time sacrifice that metro area firefighters make equals that of outstate smaller departments, and to have their state supplemental aid slashed hurts a great number of our pensions. Please reconsider this legislative bill and please in the future consider the time commitment metro area firefighters make to achieve a 30% call attendance vs call attendance requirements for outstate when you are deciding how to divvy up state aid.

Thanks for you time and service

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