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To: Senate and House Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Committees
Re: Informational Meeting on SB 1178

The National Fire Sprinkler Association PenJerDel Chapter is in favor of the concept of SB 1178. All too often we see the results of bad actors in our profession, which in turn gives us all a black eye and puts contractors who follow the rules at a competitive disadvantage. While we feel some changes in the bill's language is still necessary, we are strongly in favor of the concept for the following reasons:

- Fire Equipment Distributors work with life safety systems on a daily basis. It is imperative that our systems work each and every time when called upon. While this is important of all distributors that are being named in the bill, it is crucial to a fire sprinkler system and all of the components that make it up. We do not get the luxury of a second chance when lives are at stake.
- A uniform standard is good for all involved. The public, the enforcement agencies and the contractors who do the work. It is good to know in advance the pricing structure and what is being asked out of a firm, regardless of the township that the work is being performed in.
- Expanding the Fire Safety Advisory Committee to other related fire safety organizations is always a welcome addition to any committee that talks about fire safety. The more experts that are involved in the discussion will only assist in proper, educated decision making.

We understand that as written the bill still has key sections that require modifications to reflect our needs, but we are confident that working with the sponsor and other key stakeholders that next session the modified bill will reflect the goals of all parties involved.

We would like to thank the Committee for hearing SB1178 and starting the discussion on this key topic that will make Pennsylvania a safer state for the residents.

Yours in Fire Safety,

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