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June 14, 2011

RE: An act to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the effect of discharge or dismissal of a police officer or firefighter with twenty years of creditable retirement.

A.5744-A (Abbate)
S. 5653 (Rules)

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Submitted on behalf of the New York State Professional Firefighters Association

The New York State Professional Firefighters Association strongly supports enactment of this bill which would protect the pension rights of New York City's brave Firemen and Policemen.

Under current law, every member in the New York State Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement system, covering all police officers outside the City of New York, has his pension protected statutorily. If a member has twenty years of service or more and is dismissed, he receives his pension immediately without an age limitation. In fact, this applies to all members in the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement system, as well as to members in the other state-wide retirement systems.

Inexplicably, uniformed police and fire enrolled in the New York City Police and Fire Pension Funds are not afforded this same protection. This bill would ensure that every member of the New York City Police and Fire Pension Funds with 20 or more years of service, who would otherwise be entitled to his or her pension had he or she applied for retirement, not be denied such pension.

In addition, enactment of this bill would correct the current violation of the principle and concept of pensions taking place when uniformed City police and fire and their families are denied retirement benefits for which the member has expended many years of service and contributed up to 7% of his or her total earnings.

Contrary to what the opponents of this bill claim, the members benefited by this bill are being sufficiently punished for their alleged departmental violations by being dismissed from their position. There is no need to perpetuate the vindictive punishment placed upon these members and then also punish the members' families by not allowing them to benefit from a pension upon which they depended.

Therefore, the New York State Professional Firefighters Association strongly supports passage of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,



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RE: AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to allowing certain firefighters of the city of Buffalo, the city of Niagara Falls and the Niagara frontier transportation authority to participate in an optional 20 year retirement plan in certain circumstances

A.5564-A (Gabryszak)
S. 5378 (Gallivan)

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

The New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association (NYSPPFA), I.A.F.F. AFL-CIO, a not-for-profit association representing approximately 18,000 firefighters in 103 Locals in various cities, villages and towns across New York State, strongly supports enactment of this bill which would amend the retirement and social security law to allow certain firefighters to participate in an optional 20 year retirement plan.

Tier V was enacted into law. Firefighters hired after its effective date provided that firefighters remain in a non-contributory collective bargaining agreement.

This same protection was provided in the collective bargaining agreement. The New York State are treated similarly to firefighters in Buffalo, City of Niagara Falls and similar rights to remain in a

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