

Good morning Senator Campion,

I would like to request that you oppose the wording in H.855 page 7 regarding supervision and span of control of wildland fire suppression to the chief of a municipal fire dept.

Span of control for wildland fire should remain with the state appointed fire warden as it has always been. Fire Chiefs do not have to attend wildland fire trainings nor do they have to complete any nessecary recording or issuing of permits.

In allowing this language it would remove the fire warden from their perceive duties and obligations to the state and to their training. This new language would reduce the fire wardens to a merely administrative role and would limit their functions within the ICS structure.

Please consider my request,

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