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TESTIMONY: SB-436

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity today to testify in support of Senate Bill 436 and Senate amendment 1.

This is a simple, straightforward bi-partisan bill that requires all fire departments to report important fire data to the U.S. Fire Administration. The new information includes the cause of the fire, the level of property damage, the age and purpose of the building, the number of units in the building if it's a rental property, the number of deaths and injuries resulting from the fire and whether there were any fire sprinklers or fire alarm systems in the building.

I believe collecting and reporting this information could help prevent household and commercial property fires in the future. It will also give department and elected officials a better idea of the scope of the problem. The data collected could also help builders, realtors,

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insurance agents, and fire fighters to more effectively prevent and fight fires in the future.

Additionally, Senate amendment 1 was requested by the Department of Commerce and seeks to strengthen and clarify some of the bill requirements I spoke of.

Finally, as you all know, this bill was not drafted in a vacuum. It comes on the heels of a rule written by the Department of Commerce regarding sprinkler requirements. Wherever you came down on that rule change, I think we can all agree that if we are interested in making future modifications to the state building code we should make those changes with the best possible information at hand. I think this legislation accomplishes that goal.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members. I'll now entertain any questions.