



January 13, 2022

Senator Diane Savino
Room 315
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

**RE: Memorandum of Support - (S-6761)
Sprinkler Fitters Licensing Bill**

Dear Senator Savino,

The Essential Workers of the Fire Sprinkler Industry are calling on officials to ensure that fire protection and life safety systems be installed, maintained and tested by qualified trained individuals to minimize risks and help prevent loss, injuries and death from fire.

During a global pandemic, New York State officials issued travel directives and asked non-essential employees to work remotely. During that unprecedented time the men and women in the fire protection trade were deemed as an essential work force to keep critical life safety systems working to protect the public and critical infrastructure.

It is time for New York State to move forward with a mandate to ensure this essential workforce is properly trained and qualified to perform this critical life safety work.

While several other states of the nation have laws that require training through apprenticeship programs and require fire sprinkler fitters to be licensed or registered to install fire sprinklers and other fire extinguishing systems, New York does not. S-6761 will protect New York citizens and firefighters from those not having the skill or training to install fire sprinklers, but who are currently doing so.

Again, we join those who promote fire safety for our citizens and firefighters by supporting S-6761. It is time that we follow other states and cities across the nation that ensure those who install fire sprinkler systems are qualified to do so.

Respectfully,

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