

**Cosponsor H.R. 2586, the Bipartisan *Fire Fighters and EMS Employer-Employee Cooperation Act***

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**Endorsing Organizations:** International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

Dear Colleague,

We invite you to cosponsor H.R. 2586, the *Fire Fighters and EMS Employer-Employee Cooperation Act*. Our fire fighters and EMS personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe. Yet in 16 states, these public safety employees currently do not have the ability collectively bargain for fair wages and hours. In fact, in five states, they do not even have the ability to form a union.

Our bipartisan bill would set a federal floor on labor rights for fire fighters and EMS personnel. It requires the Federal Labor Relations Authority to identify which states do not provide the baseline rights of allowing fire fighters and EMS personnel the ability to form and join a labor union, as well as collectively bargain regarding their hours, wages and terms and conditions of employment. Any state that does not meet minimum standards would have two years to comply.

The *Fire Fighters and EMS Employer-Employee Cooperation Act* recognizes the value these individuals play in keeping our communities safe. This bill does not preempt state laws that are “Right to Work” states or that provide additional labor rights on top of those enumerated in the bill.

Please join us in co-sponsoring the *Fire Fighters and EMS Employer-Employee Cooperation Act* and demonstrating support for our nation’s fire fighters and EMS personnel.

To sign on or for additional questions, please contact Hannah Jenuwine ([Hannah.Jenuwine@mail.house.gov](mailto:Hannah.Jenuwine@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Kildee’s office or Joe Knowles ([Joseph.Knowles@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joseph.Knowles@mail.house.gov)) or James Longley ([James.Longley@mail.house.gov](mailto:James.Longley@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Fitzpatrick’s office.

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