



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

October 31, 2022

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Executive Board and the entire membership of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors to urge your signature of Senate Bill 1027 to provide much needed help to our Fire services at a time when they are in crisis.

Senate Bill 1027 would allow a 17-year-old to train for an interior firefighting module with live burns if they have permission to engage from a fire chief and a parent or guardian. The "jr. firefighter" would be required to be under the supervision of a credentialed Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Instructor.

As you well know, our Fire Departments are struggling to recruit and train volunteers to perform the critical life safety services we require of them. This piece of legislation will provide the ability for fire departments to provide the necessary training to new, young volunteers under very controlled circumstances as they prepare to join the ranks of fully trained firefighters serving their communities. We support this bill and ask that you sign it into law. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Sanko", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

David M. Sanko
Executive Director