



## ***Northeast Colorado Firefighters Association***

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kacia Westfahl. I am the current NECFFA president for district 1. I am writing this letter of recommendation for bill HB22-1132.

I believe this bill is an amazing idea because I have been a volunteer fire fighter in the northeast section of Colorado for 6.5 years now and have personally seen the consequences that fires have had when they get out of control or escape. The ramifications and tragedy that hit our district in 2021 was absolutely horrific. This bill personally hits home in my heart because I personally knew captain darcy stalling of Yuma fire. Capt stalling was a mentor to many rookie firefighters including myself. He was a son, uncle, brother, husband, a grandson, and a father. Capt stallings lived for his community, to serve and protect in anyway possible. Passing this bill would mean people would be held accountable for their burns. This bill has the possibility to assist fire departments all over the state stay safer. We have lost some very great fireman due to burns escaping from people and the burns get out of control. In conclusion the northeast fire district gives its recommendation to pass this bill.

Sincerely

Kacia D Westfahl 2022 NECFFA District president

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**Colorado State Fire Fighters Association**  
**Celebrating Over 100 Years of**  
**Supporting Colorado's Firefighters**

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Representative Richard Holtorf  
House Bill Sponsor 22-1132  
Energy Committee Member  
Colorado State Capitol  
200 E. Colfax Ave., rm. 307  
Denver, Co 80203

To the Members of the Seventy-Third General Assembly

RE: House Bill 22-1132 - Letter of Support

On behalf of the Colorado State Fire Fighters Association, please accept this letter of support of House Bill 22-1132 or Short Title, "Darcy's Last Call Act."

The Colorado State Fire Fighters Association has been a part of all Colorado firefighters since its inception in 1916. Our main mission is to support safety and ordinances throughout the state. The CSFFA has helped support many influential decisions with our Colorado Lawmakers. Our foundation was created to aid with training and education for our firefighters to help prepare them for multi-hazardous situations.

In the past decade, Colorado has seen its share of catastrophic fires and many of them could have been prevented. Burn bans and county laws have helped but still there are many who continue to burn on high wind days or extreme drought conditions. With the implementation of this Bill, the public understands the fines that could be imposed along with the liabilities and this may help prevent another disaster. Many board members have known our long-standing members of the Yuma Volunteer Fire Department. Losing Darcy was very personal to all of us and adding the amendment to this bill will keep Darcy's legacy strong. Supporting this bill will show how important our smaller fire departments mean to this state. Over 70% of firefighters in the United States are volunteers and if we can continue to strive to be safer, we will be able to ensure that Everyone Goes Home!

If you require more information about the CSFFA, please contact me via email at [pacosta@csffa.org](mailto:pacosta@csffa.org), website: <https://www.csffa-csfff.org/>, or my cell phone at 970-768-3155.

Sincerely,

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