

**Scott Jones**

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**Subject:** HB 4561

Tory:

I know your mom and dad from my days with the Sterling Heights Fire Department. I lived down Pernell Drive from your house.

I am now the Fire Chief in White Lake Township. I want you to know, my personnel and I are strongly opposed to HB 4561.

This bill would limit the State's ability to adopt building, electrical, and residential building codes from every three years to six. From a fire service perspective this bill can have unintended consequences and hurt our ISO (Insurance Services Office) ratings which sets premiums for fire insurance. The bill would also reduce our ability to have the state adopt a current code which is badly needed (for example light weight wood truss protection is in 2012 code, we wouldn't be able to adopt till 2016).

Light weight construction materials being used in much of the new construction have placed extreme life and death risk factors to citizens and especially fire suppression personnel when these materials are subjected to fire conditions. UL laboratories have the data to prove this. Codes need to be updated more frequently not less frequently.

Please help us to do our jobs safely by rejecting HB 4561.

Tell Sal I said hello.

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