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Testimony in Support of SB 387

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House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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My name is Kevin Flory, and I am the 1st Vice President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Our association represents the approximately 16,000 members of the Kansas Fire Service both paid and volunteer firefighter and chief officer. I am writing today to ask you to support SB 387 in its current form. The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a vital source of resources for the Kansas Fire Service. The leader of that office should be an individual of competent administrative skills and the drive that comes with serving in the public safety sector. The Fire Marshal should be a person of high moral standard and an excellent communicator. As well, it would be desired that they have a fire service background. However, that said, the current Fire Marshal is a prime example of a non-fire service person being an excellent fit for the job. Marshal Maple is very interactive and has been well received in the fire service across the state. He is well versed in the public safety world and is an excellent example of how the right person for the job is not necessarily the one with all the fancy fire service titles behind his name. The KSFFA would urge you to support the current language of SB 387 that allows for some slight change in the job description wording. We thank you for your support and hearing our voice on this issue.

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Attachment # 2