



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS®

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General President

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Ms. Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Democratic Leader
H-204, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Pelosi,

The 315,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters are diverse in their political party affiliations and in their ideological and philosophical principles. As a strong, bold labor union, we focus our political and legislative efforts solely on issues related to public safety including fire fighters' jobs, working conditions, health and safety, and retirement security.

The IAFF holds to a core belief that is very simple that enables us to get things done on behalf of our nation's bravest - *We stand with those who stand with us, regardless of political party.*

Your support our nation's professional fire fighters and paramedics has been constant and unflinching through your entire career in public service. With that in mind, the International Association of Fire Fighters proudly stands with you now to, once again, become the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

When our enemies opposed our landmark FIRE Act and SAFER grant programs, which keep tens of thousands of fire fighters on the frontlines of the communities they serve, you never wavered. You led the fight and got the job done. Today, those bills are the law of the land. We have continued to count on your unwavering leadership and support to ensure those critical homeland security programs remain funded at the levels needed to ensure fire fighters have the equipment, training, and staffing they need to protect our nation.

As Speaker during the 111th Congress, you boldly rallied support and used the power of your office to pass a collective bargaining bill for the nation's fire fighters and police officers through the House of Representatives not once, but twice. Unfortunately, that bill failed by only four votes in the United States Senate.

When the Republican House failed to pass the James Zadroga 9-11 Health and Compensation Act, you, as the Speaker of the House, stood tall for our members who responded to Ground Zero in the wake of the horrific attacks on September 11th 2001. You were there to ensure the needs of the families of our fallen heroes were met by pushing through the Zadroga Act to provide lifetime benefits and health care to our members who became sick or died from their work on the toxic pile in service to their country.

Your fortitude, leadership, tenacity and courage have ensured that the concerns and needs of, not just fire fighters, but all working families are at the top of the priority list in Congress. For that leadership on our issues, for standing strong for America's fire fighters and paramedics in one of the toughest, most vitriolic political periods in our country's history, the IAFF once again strongly supports your candidacy to be the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the forthcoming 116th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harold A. Schaitberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harold A. Schaitberger,
General President