

Firefighter and Burn Association Support for the Crystal Golden-Jefferson Furniture Safety and Fire Prevention Act

- “The California State Firefighters Association, the oldest and largest firefighter association in the state, representing over 24,000 firefighters and EMS personnel, strongly support AB 706.”

Afrack Vargas, Legislative Advocate
California State Firefighters’ Association (916) 769-9609

- “California can achieve similar or even superior fire safety without the use of brominated or chlorinated fire retardants...Furthermore, regulating the use of...[these] fire retardants should spur industry innovation in “green chemistry” that is safer...”

Scott Vandrick, Executive Director
Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation (415) 495-7223

- “The California Furniture Safety and Fire Prevention Act will reduce the threat from fires and health impacts caused by toxic chemical fire retardants.”

Patty Neifer, Executive Director
Firefighters Burn Institute (916) 739-8525

- “Because AB 706 is a step in the right direction for improving the health and safety of our state’s firefighters, as well as the citizens they are sworn to protect, we are pleased to support this bill.”

Christy Bouma, Governmental Advocate
California Professional Firefighters (916) 921-9111

- “AB 706 will ban the use of toxic chemicals, while ensuring that improved furniture fire safety standards that exclude such chemicals will be adopted.”

Andrew McGuire, Executive Director
The Trauma Foundation (415) 821-8209

- “Not only will the passage of this bill improve the health and safety of firefighters, it will also improve the safety of those we are sworn to protect.”

Brian K. Rice, President
Sacramento Area Fire Fighters, local 522 (916) 739-8522

- “San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 strongly supports AB 706 and urges your legislative colleagues and Governor Schwarzenegger to support this important legislation.”

John F. Hanley, President
San Francisco Fire Fighters, Local 798 (415) 621-7103

- “The San Francisco Fire Department is aligned with San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 in vigorously supporting this bill in an effort to reduce toxins in our environment.”

San Francisco Fire Department, Barbara Schultheis, Fire Marshal, (415) 558-3656

- “I have researched [AB 706] and concluded that [the bill] carries great merit...Reducing our exposures to cancer-causing materials...will no doubt save lives.”

Firefighter Cancer Support Network, Michael Dubron, President/Founder ((661) 406-7117

