



Tenmile Rural Fire Department

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Written Testimony in Support of SB 545

January 30, 2025

**Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance & Revenue
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301**

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance & Revenue,

My name is Chief Henderson, and I am the Fire Chief of the Tenmile Rural Fire District. I am writing to express my strong support for SB 545, which proposes a \$1,000 tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

Volunteer firefighters are the backbone of our rural fire departments. Their dedication, time, and effort provide invaluable services to our communities, often at great personal sacrifice. This tax credit is a much-needed and long-overdue recognition of their contributions.

While I fully support SB 545, I would like to note that \$1,000 may not fully reflect the true value of the time and dedication our volunteers provide, nor the significant cost savings they offer to our communities. However, this bill is a crucial step in the right direction, and I am in full support of its passage.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. I urge you to support SB 545 and provide this well-deserved tax credit to our volunteer firefighters.

Sincerely,

Chief Henderson
Tenmile Rural Fire District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henderson", written over a horizontal line.

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