



Whitesville Volunteer Fire Department
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Dear Governor Hochul,

My name is Todd Sherman, Chief of the Whitesville Fire Department, and I live in Allegany County, New York (ZIP code 14897). With the support of my department, we are asking you to support A.9162A/S.7635B and sign the measure when it reaches your desk.

I am a first responder, along with all members in my volunteer department. Emergency communications professionals are an essential part of emergency response. Their calm voices and clear facts help protect people in the field and the public we serve. Our department could not effectively respond and coordinate emergency responses without the dedicated professionals that are dispatching the call on the other end of the line.

This measure would offer a choice to retire after 25 years of creditable service. That choice would not be automatic. A public employer allowed by the bill would first have to choose it. The bill and NYSLRS—not this campaign—would decide who is covered. They would look at job title, work duties, years of service, pension system, and any choice a member must make. 911 work can include hard calls, long shifts, and high-stakes choices. Each person, family, and workplace is different.

Please stand with New York's 911 workers and sign this measure when it is delivered to you. That fair path would honor members who qualify under the bill.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Todd Sherman, Chief

Whitesville Fire Department

Allegany County, New York