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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Re: Memorializing the U.S. Congress to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in Accordance with the Supporting Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act of 2005.

Honorable Legislators:

We all believe that volunteers are critical to our public safety and well being. Whether they are putting out a fire in a home or serving as first responders to a terrorist attack, volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians risk their lives to protect and rescue the lives of their fellow citizens in times of danger and uncertainty.

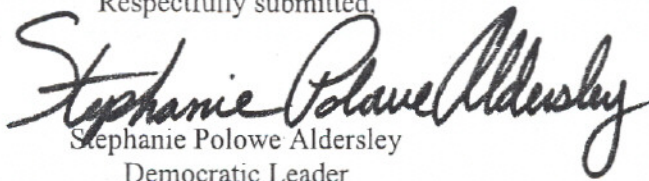
J.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer has recently proposed a bill (S. 625) that recognizes the importance and bravery of these individuals and their selfless acts. The Supporting Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act of 2005 or SERVE act of 2005, would award \$1,000 refundable credits to bona fide volunteer members of volunteer firefighting and emergency medical service organizations.

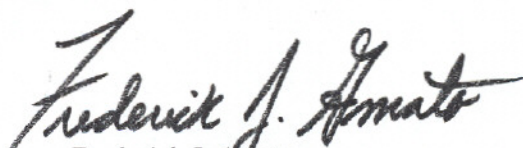
Individuals who serve at any time during the taxable year are eligible as well as those individuals who serve for a part of the taxable year. Those who volunteer a part of the year would be credited an amount that bears the same ratio to \$1,000 as such a portion bears to the entire taxable year.


This is one way we can show our gratitude and appreciation in addition to attracting new volunteers. These volunteers have made a commitment to protecting and serving the public. They have done their part. Now we must do our part. Let us make a commitment to them by supporting the SERVE act of 2005.

Therefore, we urge our colleagues to join us in calling on the U.S. Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in accordance with the Supporting Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act of 2005.

Respectfully submitted,


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