



Brothers and Sisters,

We are a couple of weeks away from election day. You're Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters is proud to endorse Senator Sherrod Brown for reelection.

As the IAFF often says, when it comes to politics – we support those who support us. For his entire career, Senator Brown has supported fire fighters, not just with his words, but with his votes. Senator Brown understands our issues and is committed to improving the well-being of fire fighters.

If you care about your rights to collectively bargain, your ability to receive the full retirement benefits you earned, and many other important issues that impact our jobs and livelihoods, I am asking you to consider the work Senator Brown has done for fire fighters in our state and across the country.

A lot of politicians talk but never deliver once they win. Senator Brown doesn't just talk – he delivers. He's proven that repeatedly during his time in Washington.

As our Senator, he has:

1. Consistently [voted](#) to reauthorize and increase funding for AFG and SAFER grant programs
2. Introduced the Senate version of the [Social Security Fairness Act](#) to eliminate the WEP/GPO penalties.
 - a. Sent a [letter](#) to his own party's leader in the Senate demanding a vote on repealing WEP/GPO
 - b. Held a Senate Finance Committee field hearing on the WEP/GPO at Local 67 in Columbus, and [invited](#) retired Canton fire fighter Local 249 President Carl Jordan to testify on how the WEP/GPO penalties impact fire fighters
3. Introduced the [Fire Fighter Registry Reauthorization Act](#) to protect funding for the federal cancer registry for fire fighters
4. Co-introduced the bipartisan [Railway Safety Act of 2023](#) with Senator J.D. Vance, which would improve fire fighter HazMat safety protocols and ensure first responders are as protected as possible during hazardous emergencies. Senator Brown's willingness to work with Senator Vance is a firm display of his commitment to bipartisanship and getting things done.
5. Introduced the [Fire Station Act](#) to create a \$750 million fund to upgrade fire and EMS equipment and facilities.
6. Secured a [\\$115,000 AFG grant](#) for the village of Bethesda to support fire operations and safety improvements
7. Secured an [\\$850,000 AFG grant](#) for Sugarcreek Township Fire Department to upgrade their department vehicles
8. Continually fought for [pro-worker legislation](#), has long supported collective bargaining rights, and has worked to advance the well-being of working-class Ohioans.

I'm asking all OAPFF members to consider these factors when you cast your ballots this November.

Be Safe, Be Union, Be United.

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