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To: [Finance and Administration Committee](#)
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To the Finance and Administration Committee.

My name is Matt Luthi and I am a rural firefighter at the Beechmont rural fire Brigade.

I do not support the Governments bill as it provides less protection to us than it does paid firefighters. We attend just as many fires including grass, structural and vehicle, as many auxiliary brigades. We stand in the same smoke alongside paid firefighters and yet the volunteer firefighter does not get the same level of cover under the Governments proposed bill. I do not support the Governments discriminatory bill. I support the private members bill that provides equal protection to all firefighters regardless of their pay status.

Without volunteer firefighters the government would have to fund a professional rural fire fighting force at much higher cost so stop discriminating against us.

With Regards,

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