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To: House Committee on Judiciary
Rep. Tommy Waters, Chair / Rep. Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

By: Richard C. Botti, President or Lauren Zirbel, Gov't Relations

Re: HB 2436 HD1 RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

While we have provided recommendations for amending the original HB 2436, it appears that we are in a "work in progress" mode, and after discussions with the State Fire Council, we have suggestions to further amend HB 2436 HD1 to continue to improve the measure with technical amendments as follows:

Ad a new item under SECTION 2. Section 132D-5 (a) to read:

() Throw from, set off on or fire any fireworks from above the first floor of any building.

The reasoning behind this is that the law bans any fireworks that goes higher or wider than twelve feet to avoid fireworks going beyond property lines. This would follow the spirit of the law in that any fireworks being used above the first floor of any building would be violating the twelve foot parameters.

Under subparagraph (3)(B), change the word "from" to "of" and add "animal shelter" so that it would read:

(B) Within one thousand feet [from] of any operating hospital, convalescent home, permitted home for the elderly, animal shelter, or animal hospital;

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Under subparagraph (D) add in any part or on any public beach; so as to read:

(D) On any highway, alley, street, sidewalk, or other public way; in any park, on any public beach; in any park; within fifty feet from a canefield; or within one thousand feet from any building used for public worship during the periods when services are held; except as may be permitted pursuant to section 132D-10; and

Under subparagraph (E) of the same subsection change the word from to of to read:

(E) Within five hundred feet [~~from~~] of any hotel, unless permitted pursuant to section 132D-10.