

SPRINKLER FITTERS AND APPRENTICES

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The Honorable Jose Solorio
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, California 95814

Ref. Assembly Bill 1127—SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Solorio,

I would like to make it known that the Sprinkler Fitters, UA Local 483, supports AB 1127. State and national fire statistics report that fire sprinklers save lives and property. State and national fire statistics also tell us that we continue to have a fire problem in our schools.

Accordingly, we must protect our children while they learn, and our firefighters when they respond to school fires. We must also protect the investment that we have made in our schools. Because fire sprinklers have a proven record, they will make a difference.

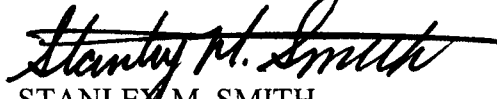
The International Building Code (IBC), the national standard for building construction requires fire sprinklers in newly constructed schools over 20,000 square feet. However, California state law trumps the national standard with *exceptions to the rule*. California allows newly constructed buildings and existing buildings that undergo structural modifications to be constructed without fire sprinklers, provided they exist or are constructed on existing school properties.

California falls short of protecting our schools and our investment. Critics of AB 1127 claim California has the toughest standards in the nation for our schools, but they are wrong.

We join those who promote fire safety for our children and firefighters, and those who want to protect the investment we make in our schools. We strongly support AB 1127.

Sincerely,

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