

**Yakima County Fire District # 4
East Valley Fire Department**



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Honorable Congressman Hastings
1323 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings,

I am writing to you today to ask for your support of the Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act, HR5999. This bill was introduced on July 28, 2006 and is co-sponsored by yourself.

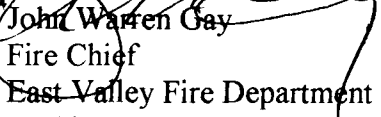
Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue, a volunteer fire department, is currently housed in facilities that are old, out dated and do not meet current building codes.

(As someone who is familiar with emergency medical services, I believe that HR5999 will allow for an improved fire and emergency medical response in the Snoqualmie Pass Area.)

Passage of this bill will benefit thousands of motorists, tourists, truckers, commuters, outdoor enthusiasts, etc. that pass through Snoqualmie Pass on a daily basis. Access to Interstate-90, the location of most current emergency medical and fire responses within the Fire District response area, would be greatly improved. Additionally, the new location would be more accessible to most of the approximately 20 volunteers that selfishly volunteer their time. Also, building a new station would vastly improve working conditions for the volunteers as well as allow for better emergency medical response services.

Your continued support of this bill would be greatly appreciated!

Respectfully,


John Warren Gay
Fire Chief
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