



**House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Hearing on House Bill 2741  
Hearing Date – February 19, 2018**

**Written Testimony in opposition to HB 2741 on behalf of the City of Manhattan  
By Jared Wasinger, Assistant to the City Manager  
and Chief Scott French, Manhattan Fire Department**

Good morning Chair Mason, Vice Chair Corbet and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development. My name is Jared Wasinger and I am the Assistant to the City Manager for Manhattan.

**The City of Manhattan opposes HB 2741 as written.** While the City supports legislation looking out for the safety of our citizens and regulation of the fire sprinkler industry, the City of Manhattan opposes certain provisions of the Fire Sprinkler Industry Act.

- The City of Manhattan is supportive of the licensing of fire sprinkler installers of NFPA 13 (commercial) and NFPA 13R (hotels, multifamily up to 4 stories) sprinkler systems.
- The City of Manhattan does not support the licensing of fire sprinkler installers of NFPA 13D systems. Plumbers safely install multi-purpose systems in one and two family residential homes as part of domestic plumbing currently.
- Furthermore, the City of Manhattan does not support Section 20 of the Act, which currently gives the State Fire Marshal regulatory authority over one and two family dwellings. The City of Manhattan respectfully requests the Committee leave this authority to municipalities and counties.

For all reasons above the City of Manhattan opposes HB 2471. Thanks for your time and consideration.