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Dear President and Chief,

I am personally inviting you and your members to attend the National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. On April 18-19, 2018, the Congressional Fire Services Institute will host the Symposium and Dinner in Washington, DC. The annual gathering is expected to draw over 1,500 fire and emergency services leaders from across the country. They will attend seminars, conduct meetings with their members of Congress and network with their colleagues. At the conclusion of the two-day event, they will assemble together in the Washington Hilton ballroom to hear national political leaders paying tribute to the dedication and commitment of our nation's firefighters and emergency services personnel.

The theme of the 2018 program is "Engaging Future Leaders." "To maintain our strength and active presence in Washington, DC, we must encourage future leaders to step forward and learn how they can contribute their talents and expertise to our mission," said CFSI Executive Director Bill Webb. "As we celebrate the milestone of our 2018 program, we encourage the current generation of leaders to invite individuals they see as potential future leaders of their organizations and departments to our program."

You will not find another fire service event that explains how the federal government is addressing the challenges and concerns of our firefighters, emergency services personnel and the fire service industry. Opportunities abound to interact with members of Congress and federal agency officials to discuss both national issues and local concerns. The knowledge you will acquire will increase your understanding of federal programs and legislation, while emboldening you to take a stronger interest in advocating for fire and emergency services on Capitol Hill.

The seminars program is something you can only experience in our nation's capital. Featuring members of Congress, federal agency officials and national fire service leaders, the program covers a broad array of federal issues – issues being considered by Congress or implemented by federal agencies. Your registration fee will allow you full access to the seminars program and the Dinner.

We are asking you again, to help Delaware attain the goal of being #1. The dinner is on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the Washington Hilton, at 7:00 p.m. The Delaware reception will begin prior to the dinner. You will receive that information when you check in at the Delaware desk. The registration form is attached. This year we have arranged special pricing just for the Delaware Fire Companies who attend. For full information on the Symposium go to the CFSI Website. Please take advantage of the special pricing and come join us in Washington to take part in this historic 30th Anniversary event.

Sincerely,

*Richard T. Perillo*

President