

# *NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION*

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Mr. John Veras, Superintendent  
New Jersey Firemen's Home  
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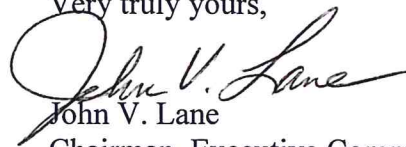
Dear Superintendent, Veras,

At a meeting held on December 21, 2021 and January 5, 2022, between committees from the New Jersey State Firemen's Home and the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, it was agreed that a Memorandum of Agreement be signed by both the Firemen's Home representatives and the New Jersey State Firemen's Association representatives regarding Legislation pertaining to the Firemen's Home.

The New Jersey State Firemen's Association is in full support of the memorandum that will benefit both associations. The December 21 and January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was a great start to the project and the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is willing to work on an agreement which is in the best interest of all firefighters in the state. We support the funding for the Community Nursing Home Program as included in the current budget. The Association asks the Board of Managers to consider expanding the program to include all counties in this State with the understanding that any expansion will not have a negative effect on the operation of the New Jersey Firemen's Home where it is currently located. We also agree with Assemblyman Burzichelli that with this program there will be no need for an additional Firemen's Home. We also feel that this process should not be done in haste. We need to ensure that all Firefighters receive the maximum benefits that they are entitled to. With these recommendations we would like to have Assembly Bill A 6233 and Senate Bill S 4287 be withdrawn.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



John V. Lane

Chairman, Executive Committee