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**From:** Denise Holmes <dholmes@melancthontownship.ca>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:40 AM

**To:** Carolina Khan <ckhan@orangeville.ca>;

**Subject:** Bill C-310 - An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit)

Good morning,

At the meeting of Melancthon Township Council held on September 7, 2023, the following motion was introduced and passed:

*Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore*

**Be it resolved that:**

Whereas there are 90,000 volunteer firefighters in Canada, comprising 71 per cent of all firefighters in the country;

And Whereas there are an estimated 15,000 vacant firefighter positions in Canada;

And Whereas Canadians' reliance on volunteer firefighters is increasing at a time of warmer weather and increased wildfires;

And Whereas governments need to find new ways to incentivize the recruitment of volunteer firefighters in this country;

And Whereas volunteer firefighters are currently eligible for a \$3,000 tax credit each year;

And Whereas Bill C-310 proposes to increase the firefighters' tax credit to \$10,000 per year.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Melancthon calls on all Members of Parliament to vote in support of Bill C-310 to increase the firefighters' tax credit from

\$3,000 to \$10,000 to incentivize the hiring of more recruits and to recognize those who already serve.

And further that this motion be circulated to: Dufferin County municipalities; Gord Johns, MP for Courtenay—Alberni; Kyle Seebach, MP for Dufferin-Caledon; Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of National Revenue.

**Carried.**

Thank you.

Regards,  
Denise Holmes



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