



## SAMPLE LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Thank you for taking the time to share your support for the Fire Sprinkler Retrofit Bill! Please feel free to use any of these three sample letters below as templates to send to local Philadelphia City Council Members.

Best practice is to customize with your name, how long you have been a City resident, and to add any personal stories about how a fire may have impacted your life. You can copy this information and paste it into an email or a letter and then send via email, or mail to councilmembers.

For your convenience, we have listed the emails and mailing address for all City Council members on our [website](#).

### 1. General Letter

Dear City Council Member,

I want you to know that I support adding these life-saving fire sprinklers to residential City high-rises! Fire sprinklers have been around for more than 100 years and have a proven track-record for controlling the spread of fires often putting them out before the fire department can even arrive. In fact, sprinklers reduce the chance of death by over 88% and reduce property damage from fire up to 71%.

Fire sprinklers have been required in all new high-rises, residential and commercial, for decades because they work! Why should residents of older high-rises be denied this important safety feature to protect their loved ones and their possessions?

There may be an added cost, but who can put a price tag on the ability to save a life.

I ask you to please put the safety of Philadelphia City Residents first! Support City Council Sprinkler Retrofitting High-Rise Bill #220299.

### 2. High-Rise Resident

Dear City Council Member,

I live in a high-rise building and there is no way I could put in a fire sprinkler system to protect my family on my own. High-rise residents need this bill!

Fire sprinklers can reduce the chance of death by over 88%! I am asking you to support the proposed bill to retrofit high-rise buildings with fire sprinklers. Keeping my family safe is my number one priority, but I am also concerned about the safety of my neighbors. In many cases it is not the fire that kills but smoke inhalation which can incapacitate you in seconds and accounts for more than 80% of fire-related deaths. Smoke can also spread to other units and hallways putting my friends and neighbors at risk too.

Please support Philadelphia City Council Sprinkler Retrofitting High-Rise Bill #220299



### 3. High-Rise Neighbor

Dear City Council Member,

As a local resident, I care about the safety of my friends and neighbors. Anything that can provide extra protection, especially when it comes to a fire that can destroy a family's whole life in just a few minutes. Fire sprinklers are an effective and proven life-saving technology that can control and put out a fire, and reduce the spread of deadly smoke.

Fire sprinklers have been required in all commercial high-rises for decades, and are required in all new commercial and residential high-rise buildings. Fire sprinklers can reduce the chances of dying in a fire by more than 88% and should be installed in residential high-rises where City residents actually live and spend most of their time, not just their offices.

Help protect our neighbors, friends and loved ones. Please support Philadelphia City Council Sprinkler Retrofitting High-Rise Bill #220299