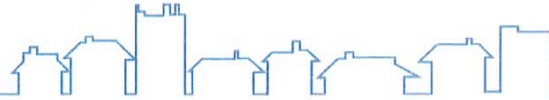




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Senator Michael F. Nozzolio  
188 State Street, Room 503, Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12207-1620

Assemblyman Gary Finch  
Legislative Office Building, Room 448  
Albany, NY 12247-0002

RE: S3299-2013 and A4478-2013 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman Finch:

I am Terry Brown, Chairman of the Board of the California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA). CREIA strongly supports S3299-2013 and A4478-2013, commonly known as Averyana's Law. These companion bills provide homeowners with tax credits for purchasing and installing certain smoke alarms that incorporate photoelectric technology.

As you know, almost all U.S. homes have ionization technology smoke alarms. Decades of research clearly show that ionization alarms are ineffective in real-world fatal fires. On the other hand, many scientific studies demonstrate that photoelectric technology smoke alarms in residential homes will save more lives. CREIA feels that Averyana's Law will reduce fatalities and other serious injuries and provide a model for other states to follow.

CREIA was founded in 1976 and is one of the oldest and most respected home inspection organizations in the United States. CREIA's official position is to support the use of photoelectric only smoke alarms in all homes. CREIA is committed to working for changes in health and safety laws and building codes to require the use of photoelectric alarms around the country.

CREIA supports your efforts to encourage the use of photoelectric alarms through the tax credit provisions of Averyana's Law. When adopted, this law will save lives and significantly reduce the number of fire deaths in New York. CREIA applauds your courage in championing this law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Terry M. Brown'.

Terry M. Brown  
CREIA Chairman of the Board, 2012-2013

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