

West Webster Firefighters need our help!

Your help is needed! The families of the West Webster Firefighters need support for this bill. Money was collected for the families of the West Webster Firefighters who were murdered and injured responding to a fire on Dec. 24, 2012, however, IRS regulations are preventing the money from being given to its intended recipients - the families of the injured & killed firefighters. Legislation has been introduced in the U. S. House and Senate to allow this money to be given to the families, as was intended by the the people and fire departments who donated the money. We need to contact our senators and Congressman and ask them to approve this bill! When contacting your federal representatives, be sure to include the bill numbers mentioned below:

Senators from NY:

Contact Charles Schumer (who sponsors the Senate bill)

http://www.schumer.senate.gov/Contact/contact_chuck.cfm

Contact Kirsten Gillibrand <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/>

For most of us in Broome County our Representative is Richard Hanna: <https://hanna.house.gov/email-me/>

For those in Eastern Broome our representative is Chris Gibson: <http://gibson.house.gov/contact/>

If you are not sure who your legislator is, go to <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/> and enter your zip code.

Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act of 2013 Needs Your Support [Take Action!](#)

Please write, call or email your local US Congressperson or US Senator to encourage them to sponsor and work to pass HB2275/S.1115 – The West Webster relief bill.

House Bill 2275 has been sponsored by Representative Louise Slaughter on 6/6/2013

Senate Bill 1115 has been sponsored by Senator Charles Schumer on 6/7/2013

These bills are currently in Committee.

SUMMARY: *The Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act of 2013* - Treats payments made on or after December 24, 2012, and before December 31, 2013, by a tax-exempt organization on behalf of any firefighter who died or was injured as a result of the ambush of firefighters responding to an emergency on December 24, 2012, in Webster, New York, as related to the purpose or function forming the basis of such organization's tax-exempt status, if such payments are made in good faith using a reasonable and objective formula which is consistently applied.

Donations have been made to a 503c tax exempt organization to aid the families of those killed and injured in West Webster, Monroe County on Christmas Eve of 2012. Current regulations prohibit the 503c organization from making donations *to individuals*; they can only make donations to other 503c tax exempt non-profit organizations. This federal legislation exempts the participants in this case and only this case from the onerous and counterproductive requirements so that the victims' families can benefit from the donations from thousands of well-intentioned citizens, businesses and organizations.