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Memo In Support of A9873/S6772
Public Servant Soldier Salary Act.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the three thousand Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics and Fire Inspectors employed by the New York City Fire Department, to express our strong support for this legislation.

Many of our members upon returning home from combat duties in Iraq and Afghanistan have been faced with significant financial burdens regarding the repayment of City salaries.

As a result of the requirement to repay their salary and the lack of any formal policy regarding how this repayment would be conducted, our citizen soldiers were facing significant financial hardship.

As many of these members are preparing to deploy for another combat tour, they are forced to leave their families behind to face this dilemma alone.

When enacted, this legislation will provide humane guidelines that will allow the City to recoup its' monies while ensuring that our Citizen Soldiers and their families will not have to face financial ruin.

For these and many other reasons, the Uniformed EMT's, Paramedics and Inspectors of the New York City Fire Department strongly support this legislation and its' swift enactment into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Bahnken". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Patrick J. Bahnken
President