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South Carolina State Firefighters' Association  
111 West Park Boulevard  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Attention: Executive Director Jamie Helms

Dear Executive Committee and South Carolina Firefighters' Association members:

Please accept this letter as my formal letter of intent to announce my candidacy for 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association. I have been an active member of our great Association since 2008 when I started my fire service career with the City of Beaufort/Town of Port Royal Fire Department, where I serve as the Deputy Chief of Administration. I have served on the Member Benefits Committee since 2014 and have served on the Executive Committee since 2020.

I earned an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Administration from Technical College of the Lowcountry (2010), a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University in 2011, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Public Administration in 2013. I graduated from the South Carolina Firefighters' Association Leadership Institute in 2014, Leadership Beaufort in 2015, and the Risk Management Institute in 2020. I have been accepted into the Local Government Leadership Institute Spring 2025 class.

One of my greatest passions and what has given me the most joy throughout my career is serving the firefighters in my department and the firefighters in our state, serving on the board and as a camp counselor with the South Carolina Burned Children's Fund which I have done for the last 14 years.

Serving and being able to make a difference in my community gives me the motivation every day to continue to work hard at progressing the South Carolina fire service and the best job in the world. As the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, I will commit to you to uphold our image as a fire service, build relationships and form collaboration from around our state, and work to enhance and expand training opportunities for our membership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross T. Vezin".

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