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President Carozza,

On behalf of the IAFF Local S-15 executive board and membership, specifically those assigned to Bradley International Airport, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the work done by the UPFFA regarding the attack launched on our members by the Connecticut Airport Authority that started in August of 2020.

We reached out to the UPFFA immediately for assistance, and utilizing many of the organization's resources, the most important one being Political Action, a major labor dispute was resolved at the airport.

The work of the UPFFA was priceless, with countless hours spent on fighting these issues. The UPFFA was there with us, every step of the way, between phone calls, emails, zoom meetings and social media. Members of Local S-15 know and witnessed first-hand how political action plays into our careers, especially as state employees.

Bradley Airport Firefighters lives were needlessly upended with their four shift 24/72 schedule forcefully eliminated and moved to a three shift 24/48. This drastic change in working conditions was done so without negotiation, using Covid-19 as a cover to attempt to fracture union membership morale. Other threats such as eliminating paramedic service at the airport and reducing overall staffing were other obstacles presented that we were able to overcome with your help. As of today, after not hiring or promoting any employees since 2017, there is an active hiring and promotion process in place, along with a signed agreement by all parties to return to the four shift 24/72 schedule. We are forever grateful for your efforts, and we are proud to be a part of such a strong and respected organization that puts firefighters first.

President Christopher Albani
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