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Executive Director Palmer,

After much thought, prayer, and many conversations with my family and friends, I'm writing this letter to notify you of my interest in running for the position of 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of our great association. This is something that I've wanted to do for some time now and with the support of my family, department, and Chief, I'm ready to do it. This is exciting for me, and if elected, I intend to do my very best in representing the firefighters of our state.

I feel that my experience rising through the ranks of both career and volunteer departments, my time on the Members Benefits Committee and State Supervisory Committee where I currently serve, and my time in the Leadership Institute all helped me to understand more about our members, their departments, our association, and values. I've had a good look at the different dynamics of our states fire service and only want to do my part in making it better for years to come. I make all my decisions with the thought of the best outcome possible and most of the time that decision is the "hard right decision" and not the "easy wrong one".

I grew up in the fire service and at an early age can remember my father receiving his association membership card, white with the red association logo, and hoping to one day be a member of this great association too. I never could have imagined the opportunities the association has provided me and the impact it would have my life and career. I've truly become a better person and leader in my organization because of these many wonderful opportunities. It would be an honor if elected to not only be a member, but to one day serve as president.

The South Carolina State Firefighters' Association and State Fire Service has done so much for me. I vow to protect and preserve these experiences in hopes that others can enjoy the same opportunities and traditions that I have. We're very blessed with the past Visionaries and Leaders that have served in various roles with our association which ultimately has led us to be the association we are today, strong and professional. I'm very grateful God has put me on this journey, and I look forward to the many years ahead of us.

Regards,

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