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Mr. Alan Sector
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Dear Mr. Alan Sector,

I would like to submit my name for consideration as a board member of The Center for Campus Fire Safety. What I would bring to this organization is fire safety from the perspective of the smaller colleges. I would also try to encourage these smaller colleges to not only join our organization but to become actively involved. Whether you are from a large university or a smaller college we all face similar problems in getting the fire safety message out. Some of the challenges we face are budgets, time constraints, reluctance to include fire safety programs and inadequate staffing. The creative way we solve these challenges varies widely and is something that needs to be disseminated with others. I believe that our organization is the best source of fire safety education through either webinar, the annual forum or the open exchange of ideas and programs between our members. I have personally gained a wealth of knowledge since becoming a member several years ago. Currently I am a member of the Education Committee and enjoy working with our organization. All our members provide unique perspectives of fire safety, and our board is top notch.

My background is as a volunteer firefighter for 40 years and have risen through the ranks from firefighter to Captain. Some of my other positions are Fire Safety Officer for the fire department and a member of the 3rd Battalion Emergency Operations Center. I have taught fire prevention to a variety of audiences outside of the fire department. I have also been a member of the National Fire Protection Association for several years. Molloy College is primarily a commuter college. We have only had residence halls since 2011 and our population is around 360 residents per semester. I was appointed to the position of Fire



Safety Officer the same year and started the program from the ground up. As with most small colleges, I have no budget, other than what I can get from Public Safety and operate as the sole member responsible for fire safety. Using my contacts and being creative, I believe to put together the best program that I could. I do not have all the answers and would like to do more, as we all do. Fire safety is a constantly evolving field and only by being involved with the Center can we keep up with the ever-changing times.

I thank you for your time and consideration regarding my candidacy as a member of the board of directors.

Sincerely,

William W. Hempstead Jr.

