

Resolution No. 15

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

Re: Fighting Back Program Funding

1 WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire
2 Fighters has been on the forefront of battles across
3 our two countries for over 100 years; and

4 WHEREAS, there have been issues facing this
5 great union worthy of exhausting the financial
6 resources of the IAFF, in the spirit of “all for one and
7 one for all”; and

8 WHEREAS, the Executive Board established the
9 Fighting Back Program in approximately 2008, that
10 has been available to assist our affiliate locals, state
11 associations and provincial associations at a
12 moment’s notice on issues that don’t fit in Guardian,
13 EDF or PROP; and

14 WHEREAS, the importance of this program
15 cannot be overstated and requires continuation for
16 the fights we are in, we know are around the corner
17 and fights we don’t foresee yet; and

18 WHEREAS, it is recognized that the IAFF is
19 experiencing financial difficulties causing programs
20 that have been funded with reserves and/or grants in
21 the past, now must be evaluated and if kept, require
22 per capita funding to continue to exist; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 55th IAFF Convention
24 body delegation affirm the value of the Fighting
25 Back Program by passing a per capita tax, in the
26 amount to pay for the “average annual amount” spent
27 on Fighting Back since the inception of the program;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this budget line be a dedicated

30 resource line for the use of the local, state and
31 provincial affiliates for fighting attacks on labor and
32 each grant have the approval of the majority of the
33 IAFF Executive Board.

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Cost Estimate:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: