

Commissioner Javier Souto
Board of County Commissioners
District 10
111 NW 1 Street
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Souto,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen urging you not to support cuts to our Fire/Rescue Department. Because our Fire Department is funded almost exclusively by property taxes, it has been disproportionately affected by the recent tax cuts. I am aware that availability of units is decreasing and response times are increasing. The Fire Rescue Budget absorbed almost 25% of all cuts in the County in 2007 and was cut back further in 2008 and the proposal is to cut it even further in 2009. I do not want to see this life saving service cut any further. You have always been a strong supporter of providing services to our community. I hope you will take a strong stance and vote against these cuts in your budget hearings. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,