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Chief Hanson:

READING Ms. Lakshas & Mr. Budnick's LETTERS IN THE SEATTLE FIRE FIGHTER MAGAZINE REALLY PROBED SOME OF MY INNERMOST FEELINGS. TO START WITH:

Ms. Laksha's Letter was EXAGGERATED & TWISTED. TO THE EXTENT I COULD NOT HELP BUT LAUGH. THE TESTS SHE AND THE OTHER FIVE FEMALES WERE GIVEN WERE 100% FAIR! THE SO-CALLED TEASING GIVEN TO THEM IS ONLY NATURAL FOR MEN TO DO TO KEEP THEIR EGOS UP WHEN WOMEN ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ^{MEN} ~~THEY~~ HAVE BEEN DOING FOR YEARS. AND THE "BRAINWASHING" & "FORCEFUL ACTIONS" TO GET THEM TO RESIGN IS UNTRUE, AS THEY WERE "ADVISED" TO RESIGN BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE JOB; (in order to save their employment records)

THEREFORE, I DO NOT FEEL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SHE SHOULD BE HIRED, IF SHE OR ANY MINORITY IS NOT CAPABLE OF PASSING THE TESTS IN THE TOP % OF THE CLASS, THEN IT IS UNFAIR TO THE PUBLIC TO PUT OUR BELIEVES INTO THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ONLY THERE DUE TO SEX OR RACE. BEING A WIFE OF A FIRE-MAN, I AM VERY BITTER TOWARDS MINORITIES. MY HUSBAND, FOR EXAMPLE, YEARS AGO, PASSED TOP IN HIS CLASS; BUT WAITED OVER TWO YEARS TO BE HIRED BECAUSE MINORITIES RECEIVED PRIORITY. THE QUALITY OF THE MEN IN YOUR DEPT. HAS DECREASED INCREDIBLY. I MUST AGREE 100% WITH MR. BUDNICK. I INTEND TO DIG INTO THIS "REVERSE DISCRIMINATION" MATTER FURTHER, UNTIL I CAN ACHIEVE SOME RESULTS. DUE TO THE FACT MY HUSBAND

is in the Dept. I AM WITH-HOLDING
my NAME, AS I DO NOT WISH TO
JEOPARDIZE HIS CAREER.

- Thank you -