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The Honorable Richard Hanna
U.S. House of Representatives
319 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hanna:

On behalf of the more than 4,000 members of the Georgia State Firefighters Association, I would like to commend you for the introduction of H.R. 4625, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act. The actions outlined by the establishment of this registry will provide an effective way to compile data from across the country to give researchers the vital tool that they need to assess cancer trends among our firefighters.

As it currently stands, there is no mechanism in place to allow for such a comprehensive look at the occurrence and potential causes of cancer among firefighters. A more centralized approach will provide for better data collection and analysis, and may even lead to lifesaving recommendations such as modifications to equipment and procedures to moderate exposure and risks.

Thank you for your support of our nation's fire service. We proudly lend our support to your efforts at the national level and will continue to push increased awareness and action regarding the higher incidence of cancer among firefighters here in Georgia as well.

If there is anything that we can do to provide support to your efforts, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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