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U.S. Representative Richard Hanna (NY-22)  
319 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Hanna,

As a coalition of Ohio's fire service leadership, the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association offers our support for H.R. 4625 – the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, sponsored by Representatives Richard Hanna and Bill Pascrell.

With a very strong link to increased risk to various types of major cancers and the fire profession and the limited amount of data being available, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act is not only needed but necessary. According to a 2013 study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, firefighters have a 14 percent increased risk of dying from cancer than the general population.

H.R. 4625 will provide an invaluable resource for the medical profession and researchers working so very hard to combat the growing incidences of cancer amongst our country's brave men and women firefighters.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association proudly joins the following organizations in supporting this legislation: The National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the International Fire Services Training Association, the International Association of Arson Investigators and the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

On behalf of some of Ohio's bravest, we thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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President