

Subject: Letter of Support for the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer

On behalf of the Women's Fire Alliance the NFRC has our wholehearted support for the establishment and implementation of the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer. As an organization dedicated to the empowerment and well-being of women in the firefighting profession, we recognize the critical importance of addressing the unique challenges and health concerns faced by firefighters, particularly in relation to cancer.

Firefighters are exposed to a myriad of hazardous substances and carcinogens in the line of duty, putting them at an increased risk of developing various forms of cancer. The establishment of a comprehensive and centralized registry is a crucial step towards understanding the prevalence, patterns, and potential causes of cancer within the firefighting community. This registry will not only facilitate in-depth research but will also contribute to the development of preventive measures, early detection strategies, and improved treatment options.

We commend the initiative to create a dedicated registry that includes gender-specific data, recognizing the distinct challenges faced by women in the firefighting profession. As the number of women in the field continues to grow, it is essential to tailor resources and support to address their unique needs and ensure their health and safety. The Women's Fire Alliance believes that the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer will not only serve as a valuable tool for researchers and healthcare professionals but will also raise awareness about the significant health risks associated with firefighting. By actively supporting and participating in the registry, we hope to contribute to a safer and healthier environment for firefighters across the nation.

We extend our gratitude to the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer for taking this crucial step towards safeguarding the well-being of our firefighting community. The Women's Fire Alliance pledges its full support and commitment to collaborating in any way possible to ensure the success of this vital initiative. Thank you for your dedication to the health and safety of firefighters. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact that the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer will undoubtedly have on the well-being of those who risk their lives to protect our communities.

Sincerely,

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