

NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER REGISTRY APPROPRIATIONS

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Background

The National Firefighter Registry for Cancer (NFR) represents a landmark initiative in understanding and addressing the occupational cancer risks faced by firefighters. Given the growing body of research demonstrating the elevated cancer risk associated with firefighting, the NFR is a crucial tool for collecting data, identifying trends, and informing policies that enhance firefighter health protections.

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act (P.L.118-147) passed the House on suspension by a vote of 413-7 and the Senate by voice vote. The original authorization, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (P.L.115-194), became law in 2017 by unanimous consent in both chambers. This critical legislation reauthorized the registry through FY2028 and provided an authorization level of \$5.5 million per year – in line with the funding provided by the Committee for the last several years.

Ask

- ▶ Ensure the National Firefighter Registry has the funding (\$7.5 million for FY2027) and personnel necessary to fully operate the registry to help protect America's fire and emergency services from the scourge of occupational cancer.

Talking Points

▶ **Protecting Firefighter Health and Wellness**

The NFR is a cornerstone in safeguarding firefighters' physical and mental well-being by identifying cancer risks early, enabling timely intervention, and promoting a culture of health that supports long, healthy careers in the fire service.

▶ **Comprehensive Research**

The NFR fuels the large-scale, comprehensive research needed to understand long-term cancer risks and develop effective prevention and treatment strategies.

▶ **Turning Data Into Action**

The NFR collects crucial data to identify cancer trends, shape policies, and enhance firefighter health protections.

▶ **Informing National Policy**

The NFR provides data essential for crafting federal regulations, occupational safety standards, and funding firefighter health programs nationwide.

