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Dr. Kenneth Fent, PhD, CIH  
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**RE: National Firefighter Registry for Cancer**

Dear Dr. Fent,

On behalf of the more than 334,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), allow me to offer this letter in support of the creation, implementation, and stewardship of the National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer.

The IAFF's mission has always focused on improving the health and safety of fire fighters across the United States who place their lives on the line every day in service to others. When the alarm is struck, our members answer the call without hesitation and with the knowledge that the occupational exposures they face may ultimately take their lives.

Cancer is the number one killer of fire fighters. Only through monumental endeavors, like the NFR for Cancer, will we be able to track, understand, and turn the tide on fire fighter cancer. The NFR for Cancer's goal to enroll more than 200,000 fire fighters is a goal the IAFF stands behind. We support our members' participation in the Registry, as it will be the generations of fire fighters who follow us that ultimately sit in the shade of this tree you are planting.

Your efforts, through the NFR for Cancer, will help protect our brother and sister fire fighters, help lessen the impact of cancer within our membership, improve our understanding of cancer within all sub-groups and demographics in the fire service, and pave the way for improvements to the health and wellbeing of our nation's next generation of fire fighters.

On behalf of the IAFF, I share my utmost support for the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer and look forward to the positive outcomes it will provide for fire fighters today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Kelly  
General President