

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
272 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge you to provide \$7.344 million in funding for the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer.

The National Firefighter Registry is a vital resource in understanding and preventing the growing occurrence of cancer among our nation's firefighters. In 2015, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published a multi-year study which found that firefighters are nine percent more likely to develop cancer and 14 percent more likely to die from cancer relative to the general population. Cancer is now the leading cause of death for firefighters.

When someone is diagnosed with cancer, information about their cancer is reported to the cancer registry in their state. However, specific details about their work are not taken into account. By collecting occupational information, the National Firefighter Registry allows researchers to better understand cancer and its risk factors in the fire service.

Congress created the National Firefighter Registry in 2018. In April 2023, the registry officially opened. Since then, more than 22,000 firefighters have voluntarily signed up. This is the largest effort in our nation's history to understand and reduce cancer among firefighters.

Based on current CDC projections, providing \$7.344 million in funding for the National Firefighter Registry in FY26 is necessary to increase the number of registrations and begin to link participants to state cancer registries.

We urge you to consider the safety of our brave firefighters across the nation as you formulate the FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill by including \$7.344 million in funding for the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer. Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this request.

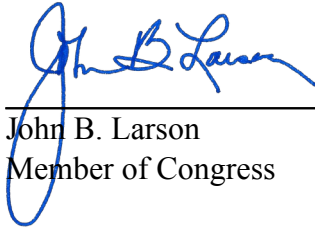
Sincerely,

  
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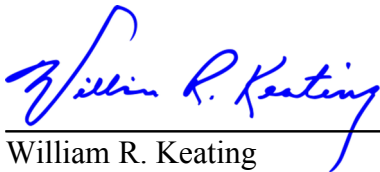
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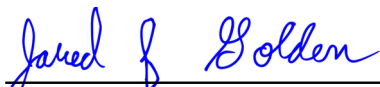
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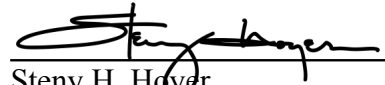
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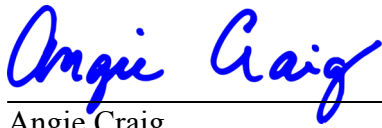
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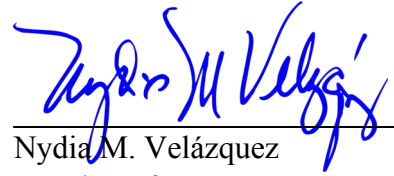
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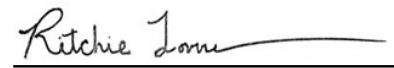
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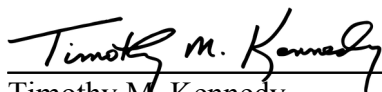
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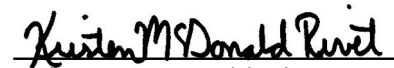
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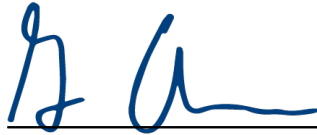
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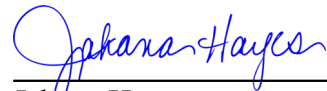
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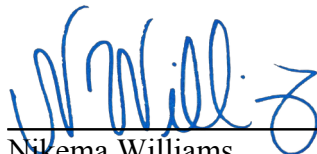
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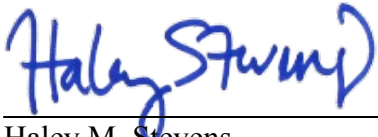
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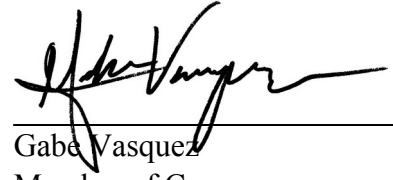
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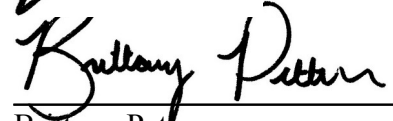
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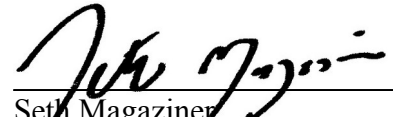
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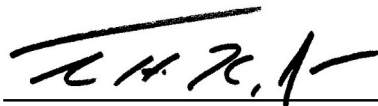
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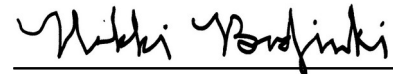
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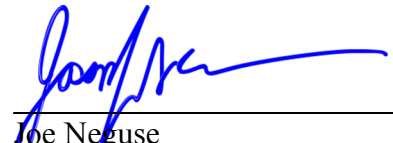


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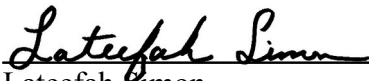
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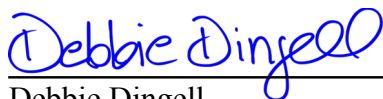
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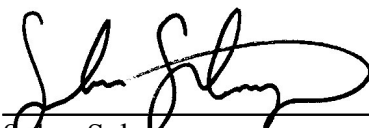
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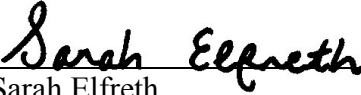
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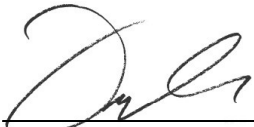
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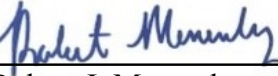
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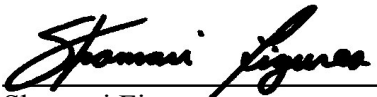
  
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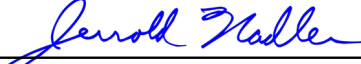
  
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