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In support of House Bill 6384 An Act Concerning the Payment of Insurance Deductibles and Medical Testing Fees from the Firefighters Cancer Relief Program.

First I'd like to publicly thank everyone for their continued support for our firefighters and the firefighter cancer relief fund.

This proposal would allow eligible firefighters to receive reimbursement from the Firefighters Cancer Relief Fund for insurance deductibles and medical testing fees by amending Sections 7-313h to 7-313j of the Connecticut General Statutes. In its current form, these sections of the general statutes provide wage replacement benefits to firefighters who are diagnosed with certain types of cancer as a result of their service as firefighters, but not reimbursement for insurance deductibles and medical testing, which are necessary for the diagnosis.

A number of firefighters have contracted cancer while serving their community and we must fight for their health and safety. Our first responders risk their lives to save ours, and it is unacceptable for firefighters to have to pay for a disease that resulted from their job.