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Testimony in support of HB 6384

AAC The payment of insurance deductibles and medical testing fees from the Firefighters Cancer Relief Fund

Good afternoon, Honorable Chairmen Rep. Verrengia and Sen. Bradley, members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, my name is Rick Hart of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association of Connecticut which represents 60 Local affiliates of the International Association of Firefighters. Membership in the UPFFA is comprised of approximately 4,000 Union firefighters in Connecticut. I am providing this written testimony in support of HB 6384.

In 2016, in a bipartisan fashion, PA 16-10 was enacted. This Act provides wage replacement for eligible firefighters to have their wages replaced so they did not have to use their sick time or other leave to receive cancer treatment. With the advent of high deductible health savings accounts, it has come to our attention this was an issue that was not planned for. Therefore, in order to prevent any out of pocket expenses for a firefighter that qualifies for the Firefighters Cancer Relief Fund, this bill allows for additional medical deductibles to be paid by the Firefighters Cancer Relief Fund.

Therefore, as an organization, the UPFFA supports and requests HB 6384 move forward.

Thank you,

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