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*An Act Concerning Firefighter Turnout Gear, A Firefighter Cancer Screening Pilot Program And Grants For  
The Removal Of Pfas From Fire Apparatus*

Dear Chairman Gaston, Chairman Boyd, Senator Cicarella, Representative Howard and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee: I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 7120, An Act Concerning Firefighter Turnout Gear, A Firefighter Cancer Screening Pilot Program And Grants For The Removal Of Pfas From Fire Apparatus.

Over the years we have become aware of more and more of our firefighters getting cancer. What seemed like a coincidence has become a documented case of certain cancers that firefighters are getting more than the average public. As we know the costs of treating cancer is high and, as we also know, if caught early cancer can be treated and exterminated in many cases. That is the intention of this bill. If we can establish a screening system, medical follow up, and ongoing nursing, it will save lives and a good deal of money.

If we can start out with a pilot plan to prove that a thorough, cost effective program can function effectively, we can expand it to set an example for the country on how to take care of those that take care of us. The Burlington Fire Department has done the hard work of setting up this program please consider a favorable vote for this and let us prove it.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony today on HB 7120. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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