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RE: The Firefighter Cancer Presumption Expansion

To whom it may concern,

As the recognized leading organization representing women in the fire service, Women in Fire would greatly urge the consideration to expand the language in the Firefighter Cancer Presumption bill. This expansion to include bladder and gynecological cancers including uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries, cervix, vagina, and vulva better serves Oregon firefighters. As research has progressed the past several years, it has been found that firefighters are at a higher risk of the additional cancer types being proposed.

The men and women in the Oregon fire service are dedicated to serve their communities, regardless of the exposures that they face. Fire scenes present hazardous conditions, including chemical substances known or suspected to cause cancer. With the combination of known risks and higher incidence in specific cancers, many states have provided presumption language to support their firefighters, including the specific cancers mentioned in this expansion. Oregon would better serve their fire service by including this proposed language.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter,

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