

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

*Representing the Volunteer Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Personnel  
-a 501(c)3 Organization*



## **Legislative Committee**

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## **SB 849: Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Funding**

I am Chief Robert Phillips, Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in support of **Senate Bill 849: Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Funding**

The MSFA along with the entire firefighting community understands the toll cancer has taken on our present and past membership. Just last year the MSFA lost one of our own James "Jimmy" Malone to a cancer. If he had available the cancer tests, maybe he would be here speaking to you today. The tests are available, but expensive. This bill will allow for the Governor to make funds available to support the tests being given for early detection of cancer, allowing for a better treatment outcome.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on SB 849

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have

Respectfully:

*Robert Phillips*

