

# 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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## **HB 757: 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 with amendments of **House Bill 757: Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program – Funding**

The MSFA is in support of this bill as we understand it to be amended. 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 create a funding source to support the tests being given to identify cancers early for a better treatment outcome.

This bill as amended will provide further funding for the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund as well as provide funds for the cancer screenings needed by our firefighters.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on HB757

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

Respectfully:

*Robert Phillips*

