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## House Passes Firefighter Cancer Registry Act

International Association of Fire Fighters General President Harold Schaitberger issued the following statement:

"The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act will help us learn more about the link between cancer and firefighting. We thank Congress for voting unanimously in favor of this essential legislation and urge the U.S. Senate to follow suit and get this bill to President Donald Trump's desk as soon as possible.

"Today, most fire fighters who die in the line of duty are not killed by smoke or fire, but rather by the hidden scourge of cancer. There is a proven link between fire fighters' regular exposure to toxic substances and deadly cancers, including the many fire fighters who are dying after working on that toxic pile after 9/11.

"Still, fire fighters continue to risk their lives, putting themselves in harm's way, whether at a structure fire, conducting countless swift water rescues along the Gulf Coast after hurricanes or battling raging wildfires in the West. This registry will help us learn more so we can protect these fire fighters on the front lines of their communities."