



Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

Hearing on Senate Bill 15

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**Written Testimony in support of Senate Bill 15 on behalf of the City of
Manhattan By Jared Wasinger, Assistant to the City Manager
and Chief Scott French, Manhattan Fire Department**

Good morning Chair Olson, Vice Chair Billinger and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance. My name is Jared Wasinger and I am the Assistant to the City Manager for Manhattan.

The City of Manhattan supports SB 15. The City supports legislation that provides for firefighters and their families when diagnosed with specific cancers; or after contraction of a bloodborne pathogen due to exposure.

- The City of Manhattan is supportive of legislation that presumes that specific cancers that have a high association with firefighters be considered service-connected after diagnosis.
- The City of Manhattan is supportive of legislation that presumes that the contraction of a bloodborne pathogen is service-connected following a reported on-the-job exposure.
- The City of Manhattan further believes this legislation would have provided additional benefits to a member of our fire department, and his family, that was diagnosed and died as a result of a digestive cancer in 2018.

For all reasons above the City of Manhattan supports SB 15. Thanks for your time and consideration.