



February 10, 2021

Representative Cheryl Youakim  
591 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Youakim,

I am writing on behalf of the American Heart Association to thank you for your leadership in authoring HF377, legislation that would establish a program to provide payments to firefighters with cancer or heart disease, counseling for firefighters, and firefighter training. The American Heart Association supports your bill.

Cardiovascular disease continues to be the number one cause of death in the U.S. and in the world. 121.5 million U.S. adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, claiming more lives each year than all forms of cancer and Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (CLRD) combined.

The American Heart Association's mission is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives, and supports HF 377. Thank you again for your leadership on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess Nolan", written over a horizontal line.

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