



Senator Julie Pazina, Chair
Senator Skip Daley Nguyen, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor
Nevada State Capitol
101 N. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

March 10, 2025

Support SB 170: Regular screenings and comprehensive coverage for occupational diseases linked to their employment.

Dear Chair Pazina, Vice Chair Daley and honorable members of the committee,

On behalf of the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Nevada, the largest independent community-based cancer treatment provider in Southern Nevada, I want to thank you for the opportunity to express the strong support of Senate Bill No. 170, introduced by Senator Steinbeck, which aims to enhance the provisions relating to industrial insurance with a focus on cancer screenings and related occupational diseases.

Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada is a distinguished multi-specialty practice encompassing medical oncology, hematology, radiation oncology, breast surgery, pulmonary medicine, cancer genetic counseling, and clinical research across several locations in Southern Nevada. For more than 40 years, our team of 45 physicians and 19 advanced practitioners has committed to delivering the most effective treatments—both established and emerging—to diagnose and successfully treat cancer and blood disorders. We bolster this mission through state-of-the-art facilities that integrate the latest diagnostic, therapeutic, and research capabilities in a professional yet compassionate setting.

As a leading provider of comprehensive cancer care in Nevada, we understand the critical importance of early detection and prevention in improving health outcomes for individuals at risk of occupational diseases. Senate Bill No. 170 represents a significant step forward in safeguarding the health of our state's dedicated firefighters, arson investigators, police officers, and volunteer firefighters, who are routinely exposed to hazardous conditions that increase their risk of developing serious health conditions, including cancer.

The bill's requirement for mandatory annual cancer screenings for firefighters and volunteer firefighters is a vital measure that will help in the early detection of cancer, thereby improving survival rates and reducing the long-term health impacts on these brave individuals. Additionally, the comprehensive list of known carcinogens associated with specific cancers provides clarity and reinforces the necessity of these screenings.

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By supporting this bill, we are not only investing in the well-being of those who protect and serve our communities but also in the broader public health of Nevada. The legislative measures proposed will lead to better health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs associated with late-stage cancer treatments.

We commend the Nevada State Senate for considering this important legislation and urge its swift passage. Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote health and safety, and we stand ready to assist in any way possible to ensure the successful implementation of this bill.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the health and safety of our state's workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rakesh J. Parikh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rakesh" being the most prominent.

Practice President
Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada