



House Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions

Hearing on House Bill 2031

Hearing Date – February 6, 2019

**Written Testimony in support of House Bill 2031 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 Kelly, Vice Chair Orr and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development. My name is Jared Wasinger and I am the Assistant to the City Manager for Manhattan.

The City of Manhattan supports HB 2031. 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 HB 2031. Thanks for your time and consideration.