

State of Connecticut

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

April 21, 2020

Commissioner Andrew N. Mais
Connecticut Insurance Department
153 Market Street, 7th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Commissioner Mais,

We are writing to you in support of Connecticut's first responders, asking that if they become unable to work due to contracting COVID-19 that you will ensure that they will be covered by workers' compensation insurance.

It has been brought to our attention that in order to qualify for workers' compensation during this pandemic that these brave men and women must prove that they contracted the COVID-19 virus while on the job. If you consider the conditions they willingly face to keep us safe every day along with all of the unknowns associated with this virus it should be assumed, not questioned, that they contracted it while working.

This virus is causing great stress on our friends and families - state, nation, and worldwide. The least that we can do for those who are on the front lines fighting for us is ensure that they are not risking the income their families rely on while they are risking their own safety for us.

Please show our state's support for our first responders by ensuring that if they test positive for COVID-19, or a medical provider believes that they have contracted it based on symptoms, that they will be covered by workers' compensation insurance.

As always, thank you for your leadership and assistance on insurance issues in our state. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Napoli" followed by a stylized flourish.

Ron Napoli
State Representative
73rd District, Waterbury

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan V. Hartley" in a cursive style.

Joan V. Hartley
State Senator
15th District, Waterbury, Middlebury & Naugatuck