

# MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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## **SB 10 Workers' Compensation – COVID-19 Occupational Disease Presumption**

My name is Robert Phillips and I am the Legislative Committee Chairman for the Maryland State Firefighter's Association (MSFA).

I wish to present testimony in favor of **Senate Bill 10: Workers' Compensation – COVID-19 Occupational Disease Presumption**

The MSFA fully supports this bill. The First Responders listed in this bill are on the front lines each and every day and come in contact with the public like no other profession. The public they serve relies on them to respond anytime, anywhere in all circumstances to provide relief to the emergency at hand. This puts the first responder in a constant environment that exposes them to a greater degree of risk when it comes to this highly contagious virus. Based on the working conditions which they face every day we feel that this bill should be passed and take care of our first responders.

I thank the committee for their time on this important issue and ask that you favorably support Senate Bill 10..

Thank you and I'd be glad to answer questions that you might have.