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Judicial Proceedings Committee
Executive Nominations Committee

THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for House Bill 1389

Dear Chairman Barnes, Vice Chairman Chang, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 1389: **Public Safety Officer - Performance of Duties - Death Benefit**. This bill entails altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 1389 for the benefit of the families left behind in the unfortunate event of the death of first responders in the line of duty. We support the amendments submitted by the bill sponsor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McKay'.

Senator Mike McKay
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

Voting Organizations:

Maryland Fire Chief's Association (MFCA)
Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI)
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMMS)
Metro Fire Chief's Association
Professional Firefighters of Maryland

Our Mission Statement

The Maryland Fire/EMS Coalition unites Republicans and Democrats in support of fire/emergency services legislation that benefit all first responders. Becoming a member does not require taking positions on legislation; rather Coalition members are asked to offer support in a way that best benefits fire/emergency services in their respective Legislative Districts.