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SB 580: Sales and Use Tax - Nonprofit Organizations Maintaining Memorials - Exemption

My name is Robert Phillips, I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA). The MSFA represents over 25,000 volunteer Fire/EMS and Rescue first responders across the state.

I wish to present testimony in favor of **Senate Bill 580: Sales and Use Tax -Nonprofit Organizations Maintaining Memorials - Exemption**

The MSFA is in full support of this bill. This bill would allow a non-profit 501.c.3 entity to have sales of merchandise that mandates all proceeds to go to the upkeep of the memorial and not have to worry about collecting sales tax, accounting for sales tax or remitting it to the state.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 580.

I will now be glad to answer any questions, or my contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.