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## HB 1439: Public Health – Funding for Trauma Centers and Services

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

I wish to present testimony in favor of House Bill 1439: Public Health – Funding for Trauma Centers and Services

The MSFA fully supports the adoption of this bill with the amendment that Maryland State Police Aviation Command remains a part of the MEMSOF. The MEMSOF is comprised of several partners across the first responder spectrum. From the first call for assistance you will get volunteers represented by the MSFA and trained by MFRI responding. With the volunteers there will be volunteer and career EMS units that work under the guidance of MIEMSS to treat victims that are encountered. When needed MSPAC will be requested to respond with the life saving helicopters to transport patients to the shock trauma centers for their unique life saving skills. The MEMSOF is truly a partnership of State Departments and associations of people who work together for the common goal of saving lives, property and the environment. Please consider keeping the partnership together.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable with amendment on House Bill 1439.

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

