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Judicial Proceedings Committee
Executive Nominations Committee

THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 23, 2024

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for Senate Bill 1034

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 1034: **9-1-1 Specialist Recruitment and Retention Workgroup**. The bill will establish a 9-1-1 Specialist Recruitment and Retention Workgroup. This bill will also require the Workgroup to submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on/or before December 1, 2024, and a final report on or before December 1, 2025.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 1034 as it will be beneficial to public safety in Maryland through measures to recruit more 9-1-1 dispatchers. Having highly skilled and qualified 9-1-1 dispatchers is essential to public safety in our state. The Coalition supports this bill for the safety and welfare of the general public of Maryland.

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.