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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 503

Dear Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 503: Public Safety – Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems – Requirements and Prohibitions. The bill will establish the prohibition of the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless steel tubing if it does not meet a certain International Code Council standard. This bill will require tubing used in the construction of fuel gas piping systems in buildings to meet a certain standard. This bill also provided for civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 503 as it will be beneficial to public safety in Maryland as the bill would ensure that the tubing in all buildings is up to par to prevent health and safety issues. Stainless steel tubing that does not meet standard is unsuitable to be used as gas pipes and can cause serious harm to the safety of the public. The Coalition supports this bill for the safety of the 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.