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February 9th, 2024
The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation
The Maryland House of Delegates
6 Blade Street, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Korman,

The Frederick County Delegation would like to indicate our collective support of *HB0503 – Public Safety – Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems- Requirements and Prohibitions*. This bill would prohibit the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or distribution of corrugated stainless-steel tubing that does not meet the LC1027 testing criteria. This bill will also provide a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

This bill originates from the tragic Line of Duty deaths of Frederick County firefighter Joshua Laird and Howard County firefighter Nathan Flynn that occurred while responding to fires caused by lightning strikes.

In 2016, the National Association of State Fire Marshal's (NASFM), along with the Fire Service Membership Council (FSMC) and the International Code Council (ICC), voted unanimously to recommend that LC1027 be adopted as the minimum requirement to improve the safety of CSST. This bill is imperative to not only the health and safety of our first responders, but all residents in Maryland as less rated CSST is prone to malfunction, causing fires and explosions that may lead to loss of life and property. We request a favorable committee report.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jesse T. Pippy.

Del. Jesse T. Pippy – Chair

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Sen. William Folden – Vice Chair