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HB 1038: Motor Vehicles – Emergency Medical Services – Registration Surcharge

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 first responders across the state.

I wish to present testimony in favor of House Bill 1038: Motor Vehicles – Emergency Medical Services – Registration Surcharge

This bill continues the funding of the MEMSOF which is slated to run out of money during the 4th quarter of FY2025. The monies provided by this fund allow volunteer fire companies to keep their equipment up to date, allows MFRI to continue with their education programs provided to the Maryland Fire/EMS services, Shock Trauma to have the trained personnel ready to respond to emergencies, and MIEMSS to keep the standards current. The major recipient of funding is Maryland State Police Aviation Command. With out their helicopters moving patients to the trauma centers as quickly as they do there would not be as many positive outcomes that we come to have.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on House Bill 1038.

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

