



Career Fire Fighters Association of Frederick County, MD Inc.

International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3666

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HB 503

**Public Safety - Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems -
Requirements and Prohibitions**

House Environment and Transportation Committee

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February 13, 2024

I write as the President of the Career Firefighters Association of Frederick County, Maryland - Frederick County's public employee organization that represents the over 600 men and women employed with the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue. We are grateful that your Committee will consider HB503 to address the danger related to yellow CSST. The deadly combination of yellow CSST and lightning strikes are attributed to the fires that led to the Line of Duty Deaths for Nathan Flynn in Howard County and our own Josh Laird in Frederick County.

In 2022, the legislature passed HB1052 - Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act). This legislation was a step in the right direction and we were grateful then to the sponsors, Delegate Holmes and Stein. We are grateful for the ongoing work to improve safety measures for firefighters. Line of duty deaths are painful reminders of the sacrifice our members have made for the safety of Marylanders and we truly appreciate your work on this important issue.

We are proud to serve every day and in advance, thank you for considering HB503 and recommending a Favorable Report out of your Committee. Please contact me or Katie Nash (Katie@fiastroconsulting.com/301.524.9142) with any questions.

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