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February 20, 2024

Ways and Means Committee
Attn.: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 1064/Senate Bill 897-Income Tax Subtraction Modification-Death Benefits-
Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters

Dear Honorable Delegate Atterbeary and Committee Members:

We are writing to express our support for House Bill 1064/Senate Bill 897, which addresses the Income Tax Subtraction Modification for Death Benefits provided to Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters. As we are deeply invested in the welfare of our community and those who serve it, we believe this bill is crucial for ensuring the well-being of the families of our brave law enforcement officers and firefighters who make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

House Bill 1064/Senate Bill 897 seeks to alleviate some of this burden by providing an Income Tax Subtraction Modification for Death Benefits received by the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. By exempting these death benefits from state income tax, this bill will provide much-needed financial relief to the families of our fallen heroes during their time of grief.

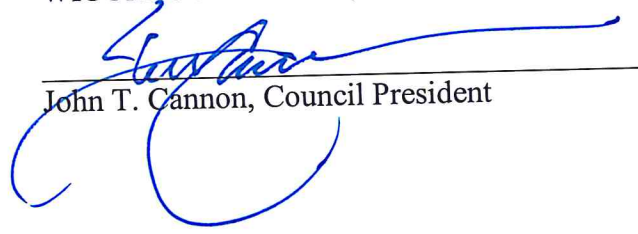
Furthermore, this legislation sends a powerful message of support and gratitude to our law enforcement officers and firefighters, recognizing their invaluable contributions and the sacrifices they and their families make to keep our communities safe.

We urge you to support House Bill 1064/Senate Bill 897 and to do everything in your power to ensure its swift passage. By standing behind this bill, we can honor the bravery and sacrifice of our fallen heroes and provide meaningful support to their families during their time of need.

We appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



John T. Cannon, Council President

Cc: Wicomico County Council
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