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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support to SB330

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 330: **Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker – Alterations.** This bill alters the definition of "fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker" to include disabled officers or workers who have died regardless of the cause of death. The bill will also authorize the amount of the credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen officer or worker or a surviving spouse/cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports this bill as it will be a great assistance to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as well as their families.

Sincerely,

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Senator Mike McKay Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

<u>Voting Organizations</u>: Maryland Fire Chief's Association (MFCA) Maryland State Firefighter'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

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