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Dear members of the Finance Committee

I am writing to ask for your support of the proposed firefighter overtime bill that mandates overtime pay after 42 hours of work. As you know, firefighters often face demanding schedules and unpredictable emergencies, requiring them to work extended hours to protect our communities. This bill would ensure that firefighters are fairly compensated, no matter the jurisdiction they serve, for their dedication and the additional hours they put in. Many of these hardworking individuals already go above and beyond to keep us safe. By enacting this legislation, we can ensure the same type of workplace overtime protections that exist for most Marylanders exists for our firefighters.

I respectfully urge you to lend your support to this important bill and stand with the brave men and women who serve our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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