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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for SB36

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 36:  
**Public Safety – 9-1-1 Trust Fund – 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline.** This bill authorizes the use of 9-1-1 Trust Fund for costs related to the operation of the 9-8-8 suicide prevention line. It will include software interfaces and joint training and will prevent the 9-1-1 Trust from being used *solely* to fund 9-8-8 while still allowing for funds from it to be used if need be.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports this bill as the funding for 9-1-1 will be solidified and when necessary, the 9-8-8 system will be able to be supported from the trust as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

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

**Voting Organizations:**

**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**

**Our Mission Statement**

The Maryland Fire/EMS Coalition unites Republicans and Democrats in support of fire/emergency services legislation that benefit all first responders. Becoming a member does not require taking positions on legislation; rather Coalition members are asked to offer support in a way that best benefits fire/emergency services in their respective Legislative Districts.