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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for SB334

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 334:

Criminal Law – Crimes of Malicious or Fraudulent Burning – Prohibitions and Penalties. The bill will establish that a person who intentionally commits an act of arson that injures a firefighter during the response to the fire or efforts to suppress the fire will be guilty of committing a felony and will face a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years. A sentence imposed upon individuals for the injury of a firefighter in response to an arsonist fire will be separate and consecutive to any imposed sentence for any crime based upon violation of the law.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 435 as it will be beneficial to all public safety volunteers in Maryland as this bill would help to reduce arsonist-related fires as well as ensure justice for firefighters affected by arson crime. The Coalition supports this bill for justice for firefighters and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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.