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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support with Amendments for HB0347

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support with amendments for House Bill 347: **Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Hypertension**. This bill will establish that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal suffering from hypertension are presumed to have an occupational disease that is compensable under workers' compensation law and are presumed to be disabled if certain requirements are met.

The Fire/EMS Coalition urges a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, 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.*