

Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

5200 Southwestern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21227

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Delegate Dana Stein
251 House Office Building
6 Baden Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sir:

The Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) strongly urges you to support HB823, State Fire Marshall Sprinkler Enforcement. This bill returns the enforcement of sprinklers in Maryland to the agency best equipped for this task.

It is vitally important to the AVFD and as well as our parent organization, Baltimore County Volunteer Firefighter's Association, its members, firefighters, EMS providers, and the general public that whomever enforces these laws be returned to the State Fire Marshall. Sprinkler systems save lives and are now being uniformly enforced under the current system.

Please reach out to me if you need any further information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. McDowell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "McDowell" clearly distinguishable.

John W. McDowell
President, AVFD

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