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The Honorable Dolores Kelley, Chair and Members

Senate Finance Committee

Re: Senate Bill SB 777 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service
Transporters - Reimbursement

Chairwoman Kelley and Finance Committee Members:

SB 777 alters the minimum reimbursement rate for certain services provided by emergency service transporters.

For over twenty years the reimbursement rate for volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS has been fixed at \$100 per transport. An increase to this rate is long overdue, the current rate is no longer a sufficient reimbursement for transporters.

The proposed amendments to SB 777 would allow reimbursement for services to patients that are treated but not transported to a facility and increase the reimbursement rate starting in FY 2021 by \$25 each year until the rate for services is at least \$300.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 777. Thank you for your consideration regarding this proposed legislation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion