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Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 869 – Estates and Trusts – Revisions

Chairman Smith,

The Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland represents over 10,000 active and retired fire fighters and paramedics across the State of Maryland. On behalf of our members we support Senate Bill 869 and urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a **favorable report**.

Senate Bill 869 repeals the requirement that first responders conduct a reasonable search of an individual believed to be dead or whose death is imminent for documents related to an individual's status as an anatomical donor. We believe this is an outdated provision of the current statute and support its repeal.

On behalf of all the members of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland we strongly support SB869 and urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a **favorable report**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Buddle". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeffrey Buddle, President
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland