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Madam Chair Kaiser

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**SUPPORT OF HB 350 – INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION –
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND
FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONEL
(HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)**

**Good afternoon Madam Chair Kaiser, Vice Chairman Washington and
members of the House Ways and Means Committee.**

**My name is Johnie Roth, Jr. and I chair the Legislative Committee of the
Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), and I am writing in SUPPORT
of House Bill 350 sponsored by the Administration and many others.**

**The MSFA is a statewide organization representing over 25,000
volunteer fire, rescue, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics and 363
member companies.**

**The volunteer firefighters and rescue workers of Maryland work side by
side on a daily basis with our Career Firefighting brothers and sisters as well as
our Law Enforcement Officers and are pleased to support the proposed
legislation before you today. Firefighters as well as Law Enforcement Officers
are two thankless jobs in the world today and take special talents to do both
jobs. Constant training is paramount to the successes of a fire or rescue
incident and these men and women are some of the best in the country.**

We as volunteers of the Fire and Rescue Services of Maryland are proud to work, rain, and even put our lives on the line with our counterparts on the career side of this family of professionals. It is for these reasons and more that we support the "Hometown Hero's Act"

Madam Chair the MSFA is submitting Support of HB 350 and respectfully requests a FAVORABLE REPORT for HB350.

Thank you and we'd be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

**Johnie F. Roth, Jr.
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