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The Honorable Dolores Kelley, Chair and Members

Senate Finance Committee

Re: Senate Bill SB 389 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service
Transporters - Reimbursement

Position: Favorable

Chairwoman Kelley and Finance Committee Members:

SB 389 alters the reimbursement rate for certain services provided by emergency service transporters.

For a number of 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 389 would allow reimbursement for services to patients that are treated but not transported to a facility and increase the reimbursement rate starting in FY 2022 by \$25 each year until the rate for services is at least \$300.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this proposed legislation.

Regards,

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

Senator Jason Gallion