



BALTIMORE COUNTY
FEDERATION OF
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
AFT / AFL - CIO / BCFPE Local #4883

John Ripley
BCFPE President
305 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite L-30
Towson, Maryland 21204-4841
Ph: 410-296-1875
Fax: 410-296-1879

February 17, 2021

RE: FAVORABLE- HB 509: 911 Center Specialists reclassified as First Responders.

Honorable Members of the HGO Committee,

My name is John Ripley and I am the President of The Baltimore County Federation of Public Employees who represents approximately 300 active and retired Baltimore County 911 Center Employees. Over the years I have witnessed these hard-working men and women perform these highly technical jobs demonstrating countless acts of sacrifice and commitment to Public Safety. We can have the very best police and fire departments but without the 911 Center Professional, police and fire would falter. 911 Center Employees are the "TRUE" First Responders and this bill would correctly reclassify them as First Responders.

Because of this, I urge you to support HB509.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

President John Ripley

Baltimore County Federation of Public Employees Local #4883