



**Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association**  
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**Serving 33 Volunteer Departments of Allegany & Garrett Counties**

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Maryland General Assembly  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Chair Delegate Anne R. Kaiser  
Vice Chair Delegate Alonzo T. Washington

Room 131  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re. Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services  
Members – Active Status Points HB0888

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

The Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association is writing you today in support of HB0888. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many volunteer fire and EMS organizations had to limit their operations. Some of the fire rescue population had limited opportunities to volunteer because of the public health emergency. The formula in this proposed bill allows the dedicated volunteers the ability to still qualify for active status, rewarding them for the appropriate amount of time volunteered.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dayton, M.S., NREMT

President