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Delegate Dana Stein's Testimony in Support of HB 930
Use of Amoss Funds – Property Acquisition

Madam Chair McIntosh, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

The Amoss Fund was created to financially assist Maryland fire, rescue, and emergency medical services departments on an annual basis.

This bill would allow fire companies to:

- 1) Purchase land not adjacent to present property on which a firehouse now sits
- 2) Make improvements to or build a firehouse on property not adjacent to present property on which a firehouse sits.

This legislation is needed in situations where two fire companies wish to combine and build a new facility between their present fire house sites. The current statutory language does not allow for these situations.

I hope you will support this simple change to the use of Amoss Funds.