



# Charles County Government

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March 11, 2022

Bill: HB 1416 Charles County - Property Tax - Credit for Volunteer Emergency Responders  
Committee: Ways and Means  
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Madame Chairwoman Atterbeary, Vice Chairman Washington, and Members:

On behalf of the County Commissioners for Charles County, it is our sincere pleasure to support passage of HB 1416.

HB 1416 enables the Charles County Commissioners to grant, by law, a tax credit against the real property tax imposed on the owner-occupied residence of active or retired volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services in Charles County, and their surviving spouses.

Charles County relies exclusively on volunteers for emergency fire response. Additionally, many of our emergency medical service responders are volunteers. Given the role that our volunteers perform in the public safety of our County, we believe this small credit against their real property tax liability is warranted. Additionally, we hope to encourage home ownership through this incentive, as we know the strong sense of community fostered through home ownership.

We encourage a favorable committee report on HB 1416. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our full support.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President of Charles County.

County Commissioners of Charles County  
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Delegation