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March 1, 2022

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation
The Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Barve:

As Chairs of the joint Howard County House and Senate Delegations, we write in support of *HB1052–Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act)*. This bill would require new residential and commercial construction buildings that utilize natural gas to use non galvanized steel with a dark iron-oxide coating on the surface or arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing pipes, which resist lightning strikes.

This bill originates from the tragic Line of Duty deaths of Howard County firefighter Nathan Flynn and Frederick County firefighter Joshua Laird that occurred while responding to fires caused by lightning strikes. We believe that this bill will protect both civilians and first responders from hazardous situations that put their lives at risk. We request a favorable committee report.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Senator Clarence K. Lam.

Senator Clarence K. Lam
Senate Chair
Howard County Delegation

Handwritten signature of Delegate Courtney Watson.

Delegate Courtney Watson
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