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HB 1052: Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements 2 (Flynn and Laird Act)

My name is Robert Phillips and I am the Legislative Committee Chairperson for the Maryland State Firefighter's Association (MSFA).

I wish to present testimony in favor of **HB 1052: Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act)**

This legislation is supported by the MSFA. There have been two Line Of Duty Deaths in Maryland where CSST was a contributing factor. We continue to see fires where lighting has caused a failure of older CSST and contributed to serious injuries, death and catastrophic damage to the structures involved. This bill will create a safer environment for the public and first responders by requiring the safest type of CSST available today.

I thank the committee for their time on this important issue and ask that you **FAVORABLY** support House Bill 1052.

Thank you, and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have