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HB 1052

**Public Safety – Gas Piping
Systems – Construction
Requirements (Flynn and
Laird Act)**

County Position: FAVORABLE

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Committee: Finance

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges a **FAVORABLE** report for House Bill 1052 – Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act).

On August 11, 2021, Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services lost Battalion Chief Joshua Laird, who died as a result of injuries sustained while fighting a fire in which CSST was related to the cause. Our first-responders, particularly our firefighters, are called to very dangerous situations to protect lives and property. It is our collective duty to endeavor to protect these heroes when we are able.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Requires certain pipe and tubing in the construction of a gas piping system in all new residential or commercial buildings;
- Protects firefighters, as well as our residents, in the event of a lightning strike, from a potentially very dangerous or lethal situation; and
- Supports and demonstrates our strong commitment to our firefighters and all members of our fire service families.

Further, County Executive Gardner supports the House amendments that:

- Clarifies that non-arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) may not be used in certain systems; and
- Requires compliance for any renovation greater than fifty percent of the total square footage of a residential or commercial property, or a natural gas or liquefied propane piping system that requires the addition of a new gas line to that system.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges a **FAVORABLE** report for House Bill 1052.