



Career Fire Fighters Association of Frederick County, MD Inc.  
International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3666  
Affiliated with:  
Maryland State Professional Fire Fighters Association and The Central Maryland Labor Council / AFL-CIO



**HB 1052**  
**Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act)**  
**Senate Finance Committee**  
**FAV**  
**March 31, 2022**

I write as the President of the Career Firefighters Association of Frederick County, Maryland - Frederick County's public employee organization that represents the over 500 men and women employed with the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue. We are grateful that your Committee will consider HB1052 to address the danger related to yellow CSST. The deadly combination of yellow CSST and lightning strikes are attributed to the fires that led to the Line of Duty Deaths for Nathan Flynn in Howard County and our own Josh Laird in Frederick County. HB1052 - Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act) was a step in the right direction and we are grateful to our sponsors, Delegate Holmes and Stein. The work on the bill in the House improved the bill and we have been made aware of a possible amendment to be offered by Delegate Holmes. We support the proffered reference to standards via this amendment:

**B) WHERE CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING IS INSTALLED, ONLY ARC-RESISTANT JACKETED CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING TESTED AND LISTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICC-ES-LC1027 MAY BE USED IN:**

However, we are voicing our opposition to the amendment language offered by representatives of Omega Flex that seek to preserve the status quo and their market share. This language, in effect, “guts the bill”. Importantly, this language was not even considered in the House - the House Committee did not offer these amendments. They saw the industry language for what it was - an attempt to undo our work. We are joined by our IAFF brothers and sisters in this opposition and we remain unified with the families of our lost heroes.

Public safety personnel are at the front lines of the current health crisis, constantly exposed to contagion in ways few others are. We also, however, face exposure to carcinogens and other toxic substances that lead us to have unique healthcare needs. Now, we must advocate for additional consumer protections as this dangerous material is revealed. Line of duty deaths are painful reminders of the sacrifice our members have made for the safety of Marylanders and we truly appreciate your work on this important issue.

We are proud to serve every day and in advance, thank you for resisting **industry amendments to HB1052** and passing this legislation out of your Committee. Please contact me or Katie Nash (Katie@fiastroconsulting.com/301.524.9142) with any questions.

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