



## Maryland Fire Marshals Committee

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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chairman Senator  
Delegate Dana Stein, Vice Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 319 - Public Safety- - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards-Adoption

Dear Delegates Barve and Stein:

The Maryland Metro Chiefs Fire Marshal Committee is made up of representatives from fire marshal offices from across the State of Maryland. We work in collaboration with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office to advocate for strong and effective fire prevention and life safety measures to protect the citizens of the State of Maryland.

We are writing you today to submit our support for SB 319. Drownings continue to be one of the leading causes of death for young children and teens in the state of Maryland. Tragically, many of these deaths could be prevented and we believe the adoption of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Code could be a valuable tool in the matter.

The ISPSC is the first national code for swimming pools and spas ever created and the only code to address all aspects of public and residential pool and spa design. It is based on scientifically proven best practices for drowning prevention and provides a consistent and uniform set of regulations reducing the cost of pool design.

The majority of our members are or have been first responders during their careers. We have witnessed first-hand the tragedy of accidental drownings and support efforts to reduce or eliminate these devastating occurrences.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation and we respectfully ask the Economic Matters Committee for a favorable report for SB 319.

Sincerely,

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Vice-Chairman, Maryland Metro Chief's Fire Marshal Committee