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Ryan Nawrocki
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Delegate Nawrocki:

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, I wish to thank you for your leadership in sponsoring HB1096, that provides a direct benefit to Volunteer Fire Companies, like ours, that are paying property taxes on properties that we purchased both for expansion of our existing firehouse as well as parking required to support our training center in the firehouse. Even though the expansion is complete, we still pay property tax on those properties.

I have found it interesting and unfair that 100% volunteer fire companies, who provide emergency services to the citizens of Baltimore County at no cost to them, pay taxes for the right to provide these free services. I'm appreciative that someone has recognized this issue and is proposing legislation to discontinue this practice. Since 2017, the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company has paid \$18,000 in property tax and an additional \$20,000 in total for water and sewer taxes.

Delegate Nawrocki, thanks again for your leadership and ongoing support of emergency services.

Cordially,

James D. Cahn

President