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SB 493: Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland

My name is Robert Phillips and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State FireFighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in favor with amendments to Senate Bill 493: Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland

The MSFA is in favor with amendments of this bill. The trauma centers need to be fully staffed and equipped with everything needed in order to provide their vital services to the public anytime they are called upon to do so. Our medical system is second to none, from the call to the transport to the medical services that are provided, and we must continue to make this available to those who need it.

The MSFA would like to see two amendments added:

- 1) the MSFA have one representative seat on the commission
- 2) that any monies identified as being needed would be in addition to other monies and funding of the MEMSOF

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable with amendments on Senate Bill 493

I will be glad to answer any questions, as my contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.