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SB 823: Natural Resources – Annual State Park Pass – Discounts for Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders

My name is Roger A. Steger, Sr. and I am the Executive Committee Representative for the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA). I represent Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset County Volunteer FireFighters Associations

I wish to present testimony in favor of Senate Bill 823: Natural Resources – Annual State Park Pass – Discounts for Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders

The Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset County Volunteer FireFighters Associations are in favor of and support this bill. The time that is required for our volunteer first responders for their training and responsibilities are considerable. The first few years that a person is a first responder includes several hundred hours of education. There are many family functions from the everyday life that we ask our volunteer responders to be away from their family activities. This bill is a way to give back allowing "family time" to be quality time together and not cost as much so they can afford to enjoy our State Parks to make family memories.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 823.

I would welcome you to contact me with any inquiries you might have. My contact information is listed above.

Thank you,