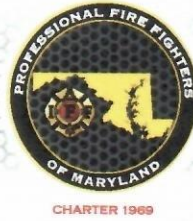


# PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF MARYLAND



DATE: February 21, 2023

TO: Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

FROM: Jeffrey Buddle, President  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland

RE: SB414 - Commission to Advance and Strengthen Fire Fighting - Maryland

The Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland represents more than 10,000 active and retired professional fire fighters and emergency medical services personnel who proudly serve the citizens of the State of Maryland.

We support the establishment of this commission to study recruitment, retention and other important matters within the fire and rescue service in the State of Maryland. Gathering various stakeholders identified in the legislation will ensure a complete view of the issues from a statewide perspective.

The Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland look forward to appointing two individuals to serve as members of the commission for these important discussions.

On behalf of the members of Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland, we respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 414.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Buddle".

Jeffrey Buddle, President  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland

*The membership of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland includes 25 local IAFF affiliates from the following jurisdictions:*

***Federal:*** *Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Fort George G. Meade, National Capital Federal Fire Fighters, National Institutes of Health*

***State:*** *Baltimore / Washington International Airport*

***Local:*** *Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City (2 affiliates), Baltimore County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Cumberland, Frederick County, Garrett County, Hagerstown, Howard County, Montgomery County, Ocean City, Prince Georges County, Queen Annes County, Salisbury, Talbot County, Worchester County*