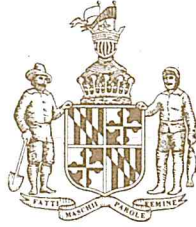


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***TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 521***  
***CHARLES COUNTY- PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR***  
***VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS***  
***BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE***  
***FEBRUARY 22, 2023***

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 521 is a very straightforward delegation bill that simply enables Charles County to establish a property tax credit for volunteer emergency first responders and/or unmarried surviving spouses of deceased emergency responders.

This is a Charles County Delegation legislative priority as the members of our delegation believe that it would act as an effective way to attract and retain public safety professionals. It is a simple effort to better serve those who serve our communities.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 521.**