

Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association P.O. Box 935 Frostburg, MD 21532 agcvfra.net

Environment and Transportation Committee Chair Delegate Kumar Barve March 10, 2023

Dear Committee,

The Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association is writing you today to **fully support** HB1253: Vehicle Laws - Lighting - Privately Owned Vehicles of Volunteer Fire Company Members. There have been several unfortunate crashes that have taken place on Maryland roads and highways that involved fire trucks and police vehicles. With the addition of red and white lights on volunteer privately owned vehicles, we should see that this warning will increase volunteer firefighter and ems life safety and decrease unnecessary crashes.

As this proposed legislation continues through the committee, we offer our full support and will provide additional testimony if the occasion arises.

Sincerely,

Austin Christner, President

Jonathan Dayton, MS, NREMT, CNE, Vice President, Public Information Officer, and Legislative Committee Chairperson

The mission of the Allegany and Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association is to serve, promote, advocate and represent the interests of the volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in Allegany and Garrett Counties.