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SB 154: Public Health – Mental Health Advance Directives – Awareness and Statewide Database

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

I wish to present testimony in favor of **Senate Bill 154: Public Health – Mental Health Advance Directives – Awareness and Statewide Database**

This bill mandates that the Maryland Department of Health develop a public awareness campaign to encourage people to create an advance directive while they are compliment and able to. The fire service has seen and felt the effects of mental health issues within our members. While the person affected with these issues is of sound mind and body they should be educated as to the merits of an advance directive and encouraged to make use of one while they still can.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 154.

My contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.