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SB 406: Workers' Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – First Responders

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

I wish to present testimony in favor with amendments of Senate Bill 406: Workers' Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – First Responders

The MSFA is in favor of and support this bill with an amendment. We would like an amendment removing the time limit on treatment. PTSD does not have a time stamp on recovery. This "disorder" does not start and stop abruptly, it is different for each and every person affected. We would like to see the limit of treatment left up to the Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist treating the patient not a code, law or standard.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 406 with an amendment to remove the treatment time limit.

I will now be glad to answer any questions, or my contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.