



Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association
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Judicial Proceedings Committee
Chair Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
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Dear Committee,

The Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association is writing you today to **fully support** SB0527 Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Services Entities – Peer Support Programs. The mental health and well-being of our volunteer fire and rescue personnel are something that we take seriously. We fully agree that peer support should be evidence-based in nature. We also fully agree that best practice guidelines need to be established.

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.