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To Whom it May Concern:

As members of the Baltimore County Council, we are writing in support of the proposed legislation entitled *Baltimore County - Property Tax Exemption - Real Property Owned by Fire Company or Rescue Squad*. This bill would allow for real property owned by volunteer fire companies and rescue squads in Baltimore County to be exempt from paying property tax. Volunteer fire companies all across the county provide services that save the lives of countless members of our communities annually. The properties of these companies are used by life-saving first responders, as well as are locations for training and community events such as carnivals and bazaars. We all know the necessity of these fire companies and rescue squads and the impact they make on all of our communities. The noble sacrifices made by volunteer firefighters and all first responders are deserving of the support for this bill.

The locations that would be impacted by this bill are invaluable to the safety of our citizens. We strongly encourage support for the Baltimore County Property Tax Exemption for Fire Companies and Rescue Squads.

Sincerely,

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