

DATE: February 21, 2023

TO: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
House Ways & Means Committee

FROM: Jeffrey Buddle, President
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland

RE: HB618 – Property Tax Credit – Dwellings of Public Safety Officers

The Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland represents more than 10,000 active and retired professional fire fighters and emergency medical services personnel who proudly serve the citizens of the State of Maryland.

This legislation would amend the definition to allow retired public safety personnel who are retired from the jurisdiction they live in to be eligible for the property tax credit up to \$2500. This would enable members who retire and remain in the communities they served the benefit of continuing to receive the same credit as when they were an active employee.

It is important to note that this is enabling legislation and each jurisdiction would still be free to make an independent determination of adding retired public safety personnel to any locally adopted legislation.

On behalf of the members of Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 618.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Buddle, President
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland

The membership of the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland includes 25 local IAFF affiliates from the following jurisdictions:

Federal: Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Fort George G. Meade, National Capital Federal Fire Fighters, National Institutes of Health

State: Baltimore / Washington International Airport

Local: Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City (2 affiliates), Baltimore County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Cumberland, Frederick County, Garrett County, Hagerstown, Howard County, Montgomery County, Ocean City, Prince Georges County, Queen Annes County, Salisbury, Talbot County, Worchester County