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House Ways and Means Committee
Chair Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary
February 14, 2023

Dear Committee,

The Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association is writing your today in full **support** of HB0521: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Public Safety Volunteers. Public safety volunteers, including those serving at volunteer fire and rescue agencies across Maryland, are the lifeline of communities, and in order to increase retention of these tax-saving members, we highly recommend increasing to \$10,000 a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax.

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.