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REPRESENTING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMS PERSONNEL OF MARYLAND.



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HB 521 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Public Safety Volunteers

My name is Robert Phillips, I serve as the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighter's Association (MSFA).

I wish to present testimony in favor of **HB 1521: Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Public Safety Volunteers**

This legislation will assist the state wide volunteer fire service with recruitment and retention of new members. We ask for new members to join us protecting our neighbors and neighborhoods. When asked what the benefits of being a first responder are, this is another tool in our tool box to assist us in recruiting and retaining volunteers.

I thank the committee for their time on this important issue and that you **FAVORABLY** support House Bill 521.

Thank you and I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.