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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for House Bill 1313

Dear Chairman Barnes, Vice Chairman Chang, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 1313: Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Membership - 9-1-1 Specialists. The bill will authorize certain individuals who are employed as 9-1-1 specialists and certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as employees of a participating governmental unit.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 1313 as it will be beneficial to those who work as 9-1-1 specialists to receive the benefits they deserve as part of their pension. Our 9-1-1 operators work diligently to keep our community safe and the Coalition supports this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

Voting Organizations:

Maryland Fire Chief's Association (MFCA)
Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI)
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMMS)
Metro Fire Chief's Association
Professional Firefighters of Maryland

Our Mission Statement

The Maryland Fire/EMS Coalition unites Republicans and Democrats in support of fire/emergency services legislation that benefit all first responders. Becoming a member does not require taking positions on legislation; rather Coalition members are asked to offer support in a way that best benefits fire/emergency services in their respective Legislative Districts.