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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for Senate Bill 788

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 788: Battery Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program and Fund. The bill will establish the Battery Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide grants to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute to train local fire departments on certain safety aspects associated with lithium-ion battery storage systems installed with solar arrays. The bill will require the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute to consult with certain entities in determining how to meet the purpose of the Program with the grants awarded under the Program.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 788 as it will be beneficial to the general safety of the public and advance safety practices related to lithium-ion battery storage in Maryland. The Coalition supports this important safety 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.