

**MIKE MCKAY**  
*Legislative District 1*  
Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties



James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 416  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3565 · 301-858-3565  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3565  
Mike.McKay@senate.state.md.us

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Executive Nominations Committee

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

Senate Bill 788 – Battery Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program and Fund

January 30, 2024

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

I am writing to express my 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.

Senate Bill 788 will be beneficial to the general safety of the public and advance safety practices related to lithium-ion battery storage in Maryland. I thank you and as for a favorable report.

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