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The Honorable Will Smith, Chair

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 838 – Vehicle Laws – Lighting – Privately Owned Vehicles

Position: **Favorable**

Dear Chair Smith,

I'd first like to thank the committee for its favorable passage of this legislation last session but unfortunately it ran out of time in the house.

To recap, The bill from last session authorizes the fire police of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red and white lights rather than only red, which is current law. After conversations with MSFA, the latest version (SB 838) will allow for the privately owned vehicles to be equipped with red and white lights OR red and green lights.

By allowing the fire police to use these variations of lights it will create greater driver awareness that they're approaching an accident scene.

I respectfully ask the committee for a favorable vote on SB 838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Jason Gallion

Senator, District 35