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Judicial Proceedings Committee  
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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

March 22, 2024

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for House Bill 259

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 259: District Court – Traffic Cases - Surcharges. The bill will increase the surcharge from \$7.50 to \$9.50 that is required by the District Court to add any fine imposed in certain traffic cases.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 259 as it will bring in increased fund revenues for the Maryland Emergency Medical Systems Operations Fund. This is important for the running of agencies such as Maryland State Police Aviation Command, Shock Trauma, and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, just to name a few.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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.