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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Opposition for SB436

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their opposition for Senate Bill 436:

Maryland Department of Labor – Study on Building Code Requirements for Single-Staircase

Buildings. This bill will require the Maryland Department of Labor to study building code requirements for single-staircase buildings in Maryland and other States and analyze best practices when drafting building code requirements.

The Fire/EMS Coalition opposes Senate Bill 436 because we believe this could potentially make our fire/building code weaker and create a precedent where citizens could be at risk.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike McKay

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

Professional Firefighters of Maryland

Voting Organizations:

Maryland Fire Chief's Association (MFCA)
Maryland State Firefighter'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

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.