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

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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for Senate Bill 1024

Dear Chair Hettleman, Vice Chairman Ellis, and Members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 1024: **Higher Education – Nonresident Tuition – Exemption for Dependents of State or Local Public Safety Employees (Maryland Fallen Heroes Tuition Benefits Act)**. This bill seeks to ease the financial burden of out-of-state or out-of-county tuition at a public institution of higher education in this state for students financially dependent on certain state or local public safety employees who've died in the line of duty.

The Coalition supports Senate Bill 1024 as a means of honoring our fallen heroes by supporting their children through higher education so that we may make their lives a little easier after their parent's great sacrifice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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.