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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Opposition to SB805

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

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their opposition for Senate Bill 805:

Public Safety – 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System – Definition of First Responders. This bill alters the definition of the term “first responder” relating to the 911 emergency phone system. It will include emergency response technicians, facility maintenance technicians, and vehicle services and recovery technicians employed by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

The Fire/EMS Coalition opposes Senate Bill 805 for the simple fact that these workers and service technicians do not experience nor provide the same services that firefighters, paramedics, and police officers deal with on a regular basis.

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 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
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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.