

HB 222
Public Safety - Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing for Fuel Gas Piping Systems -
Requirements and Prohibitions
House Environment and Transportation Committee
FAV
January 28, 2025

I write as the 3rd District Representative of the Professional Firefighters of Maryland, representing Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties. We are grateful that your Committee will consider HB222 to address the danger related to yellow CSST. The deadly combination of yellow CSST and lightning strikes are attributed to the fires that led to the Line of Duty Deaths for Nathan Flynn in Howard County and Josh Laird in Frederick County. I worked with Josh personally in Frederick County as an employee of Frederick County Division of Fire/Rescue Services.

In 2022, the legislature passed HB1052 - Public Safety – Gas Piping Systems – Construction Requirements (Flynn and Laird Act). This legislation was a step in the right direction, and we were grateful then to the sponsors, Delegate Holmes and Stein. We are grateful for the ongoing work to improve safety measures for firefighters. Line of duty deaths are painful reminders of the sacrifice our members have made for the safety of Marylanders, and we truly appreciate your work on this important issue.

We are proud to serve every day and in advance, thank you for considering HB222 and recommending a Favorable Report out of your Committee. Please contact me or Katie Nash (Katie@energyadvocacy.com/301.524.9142) with any questions.



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