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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Opposition for HB489

Dear Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their opposition for House Bill 489:

**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 House Bill 489 because we believe this could potentially make our fire/building code weaker and create a precedent where citizens could be at risk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Senator Mike McKay  
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland  
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**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**  
**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.