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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for SB849

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

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 849: **Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program** – **Funding.** This bill will require the Department of the Environment to transfer a certain amount of the license to transfer oil fee to the Processional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program. The Governor is now authorized to include \$3 million in the annual budget for the program and the Secretary of Health will be required to use the funds exclusively for the program.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 849 as it will allow for multiple funding sources to pay for cancer screenings of firefighters.

Sincerely,

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

<u>Voting Organizations</u>: 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



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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.