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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for HB234

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

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 234:
Vehicle Laws – Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual – Penalties. This bill alters the penalty of the already existing offense of causing serious physical injury or death to a “vulnerable individual” by a motor vehicle. Originally it was only a fine of up to \$2,000 but this bill changes the penalty to imprisonment for up to two months and/or a fine of up to \$2,000.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 234 because so many of our first responders are vulnerable to serious bodily injury or death when working on the highway or side of the road. This will punish the offending individuals who commit an act like this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McKay'.

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
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.