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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 24th, 2025

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for House Bill 1131

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for House Bill 1131: **Public Health – Buprenorphine – Training Grant Program and Workgroup**. The bill means to offset the cost of training paramedics to administer buprenorphine by allocating at least \$50,000 from the Opioid Restitution Fund, which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill. It also will require the Maryland Office of Overdose Response to workgroup studying the access to buprenorphine in this state.

May it be known The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 1131. It's very important we make funds available to train emergency personal where they need to be trained with respect to other opioid programs and does not wish to siphon any funding from them; to their detriment, in order to make this bill work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "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 Firemen'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.