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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for SB138

Dear Chair Pena-Melynk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 138: **Public Safety – Maryland 9-1-1 Board and Maryland Department of Emergency Management – Regulatory Authority.** This bill will authorize the 9-1-1 Board to adopt regulations to implement and enforce certain responsibilities of the board. This will also authorize the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to adopt Regulations to implement and enforce the responsibilities of the Department

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 138 as it allows both MDEM and the 9-1-1 Board to enforce state law requirements.

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.