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HB 3: Higher Education - Nonresident Tuition - Exemption for Dependents of State or Local Public Safety Employees (Maryland Fallen Heroes Tuition Benefits Act)

My name is Chief Robert Phillips, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in favor of **House Bill 3: Higher Education - Nonresident Tuition - Exemption for Dependents of State or Local Public Safety Employees (Maryland Fallen Heroes Tuition Benefits Act)**

The MSFA is in full support of this bill. When “public Safety Employee” leaves their home to go to work it is not known if or when they will return. If they for what ever reason do not return then their family has to move on and make the best do. This bill does not replace them to the family but it does in fact show that the state recognizes the sacrifice that has taken place and allows the children to move forward with their education at the lowest cost and not charge them extra for not living in a certain district or state.

The MSFA asks that you return a FAVORABLE vote on **HB 3**.

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully

Robert Phillips