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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for HB0149

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for **House Bill 149: Fire Prevention – Assistant Fire Marshals, Residential Rental High–Rise Property Fire Safety Equipment, and Fire Alarm System Technicians**. This bill will authorize a county or municipal corporation to designate certain fire marshals with the approval of the State Fire Marshal or to request that the State Fire Marshal designate certain fire marshals and will require the State Fire Marshal to adopt certain regulations governing the qualifications, training, standards, and certification of designees; will require installation of certain fire prevention in certain high-rise residential buildings, beginning October 1, 2026.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports House Bill 149.

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 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.