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HB474: Vehicle Laws - Dangerous Accumulations of Snow and Ice - Removal From Exposed Vehicle Surfaces (Clear Before You Drive 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 474: Vehicle Laws - Dangerous Accumulations of Snow and Ice - Removal From Exposed Vehicle Surfaces (Clear Before You Drive Act)**

The MSFA is fully in favor of this bill. For the most part this is a no nonsense bill. As first responders our members have many times seen the effects of snow flying off of a vehicle and causing other drivers to have to make hasty decisions that may or may not work. This bill will assist with some of these situations being eliminated and making the roads a safer place to travel on. Our members have had equipment such as engines, trucks and ambulances damaged by ice and snow coming from other vehicles.

The MSFA asks that you return a **FAVORABLE** vote on **HB474**.

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

Respectfully