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RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Opposition to HB0117

Dear Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their opposition to House Bill 0117: **Public Schools - Airway Clearing Device Availability and Use - Policy (Bowen Levy Airway Clearing Device Act)**. This bill will require each county board of education to establish a policy to obtain at least one airway clearing device per school and to authorize school nurses and other school personnel to use an airway clearing device in certain emergency situations; and requiring the State Department of Education to develop and disseminate a form for public schools to report each incident requiring the use of an airway clearing device.

The Fire/EMS Coalition opposes House Bill 0117.

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)
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State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI)
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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.