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HB 528 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Retirement Income of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel - Eligibility

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SUPPORT

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Madame Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 528. On behalf of our 700 affiliated unions, I offer the following comments.

Firefighters, EMTs, and rescue personnel perform some of the most critical work in our region and spend their careers running toward danger for our safety. They endure physical strain, long shifts, and traumatic events. Their service keeps us all safe, so when they retire, they deserve the stability and recognition that is owed to them.

HB 528 amends Maryland's tax code by ensuring that Maryland residents who spent their careers serving in the District of Columbia receive the same retirement tax treatment as their counterparts who served in Maryland. They protected this region as a whole, and our tax code should reflect that dedicated work.

This bill recognized the people who spent their careers responding to emergencies, putting themselves at risk, and showing up for our communities. These retirees deserve this recognition.

For these reasons, we urge a favorable report on HB 528.



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