

# MARYLAND STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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## **HB 1100: Battery Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program and Fund**

My name is 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 1100: Battery Storage and Solar Arrays Safety Training Grant Program and Fund**

The MSFA is in favor of and support this bill. This bill will make funds available to the local governments to train the local fire departments as to responses to and the dangers of Lithium-ion battery storage facilities. With the increase of these battery storage facilities and inherent dangers of lithium-ion batteries, updated training is a needed function and quality training can be expensive. This fund will assist in keeping our first responders safer by giving them the needed knowledge required for this type of response.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on House Bill 1100.

I will be glad to answer any questions, as my contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.