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Judicial Proceedings Committee
Chair Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
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Dear Committee,

The Allegany Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire Rescue Association is writing you today to **fully support** SB0580: Public Safety - Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund. In Community Wellness, whether for fire and rescue personnel or those working in law enforcement often, the stressors of the job are the same. We advocate for not only those working in the fire rescue service but also advocate for the expanded capabilities of agencies to offer mental health first aid and critical incident stress management training.

As this proposed legislation continues through the committee, we offer our full support and will provide additional testimony if the occasion arises.

Sincerely,

Austin Christner, President

Jonathan Dayton, MS, NREMT, CNE, Vice President, Public Information Officer, and Legislative Committee Chairperson

The mission of the Allegany and Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association is to serve, promote, advocate and represent the interests of the volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in Allegany and Garrett Counties.