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SB 580: Public Safety – Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant 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 Senate Bill 580: Public Safety – Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund

The MSFA is in favor of and support this bill. This bill will make available funds for mental health first aid for public safety training and critical incident stress management PEER support. The need for mental health awareness and assistance is a recognized, necessary goal today in the public safety field. This bill will provide funding to assist with accomplishing these goals.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable on Senate Bill 580

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