

February, 2024

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for Senate Bill 580

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 580: **Sales and Use Tax - Nonprofit Organizations Maintaining Memorials - Exemption**. This bill provides that the sales and use tax does not apply to a sale by a nonprofit organization that maintains a memorial on property that is owned by the State if the proceeds of the sale are used to maintain a memorial on property that is owned by the State.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 580 as it will be beneficial to the public as it allows nonprofit organizations to maintain our memorials and continue enriching our communities. This bill takes away the hefty monetary burden on nonprofits to maintain memorial properties that are invaluable to so many in our state. The Coalition supports this bill for the benefit of nonprofit organizations and the welfare of the general public of Maryland.

Sincerely,



Senator Mike McKay  
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland  
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

**Voting Organizations:**

**Maryland Fire Chief's Association (MFCA)**

**Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA)**

**State Fire Marshal (OSFM)**

**Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI)**

**Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMMS)**

**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 benefits 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.