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TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Finance Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
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RE: Senate Bill 374, *State Emergency Medical Services Board – Licenses and Certificates –Application Requirements*
Support

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 374, *State Emergency Medical Services Board – Licenses and Certificates –Application Requirements*.

Senate Bill 374 would prohibit the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board from requiring an individual applying for a position to provide emergency medical services to provide proof of their legal residency in the United States. Specifically, the bill would disallow the EMS Board from requiring an applicant to disclose their Social Security number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) as a condition for licensure or certification.

In Maryland, it is all too common that new Americans making their home in the United States have attained a high degree of educational and professional achievement but are under-employed and not utilizing their experience in the fields in which they are trained. By removing the residency restriction, and prohibiting the EMS Board from requiring an applicant to provide a SSN or ITIN, Maryland will affirm that the State values the contributions of new Americans to our workforce, and that our residents will benefit from having more linguistically and culturally appropriate EMS providers to perform emergency medical services in our communities.

I would urge that the Committee adopt a favorable report on Senate Bill 374.

cc: Members of the Finance Committee