

To: Honorable Representative Beidle, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee

From: Isaac Esene, Concerned Citizen

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To the Members of the Finance Committee

My name is Isaac Esene, and I write to you today not only as a proud military veteran but also as a former volunteer Emergency Medical Technician EMT with Pikesville Station 19 in Baltimore County. My experiences in the field, combined with my commitment to our community's welfare, compel me to express my resolute support for Senate Bill 0374

This bill represents a significant step forward in both enhancing the efficacy of our emergency medical system and fostering a more inclusive society.

During my tenure as an EMT, I had the privilege of serving a diverse array of individuals across Baltimore County. Time and time again, I witnessed firsthand the profound impact of having emergency responders who reflect the rich tapestry of backgrounds and experiences found in our community. When patients encountered EMTs with whom they shared a common language or cultural background, it invariably led to improved communication, trust, and overall care quality.

recognizes the invaluable contributions immigrants can make to our emergency medical services. By removing barriers to their participation, we are not only expanding our pool of potential EMTs and paramedics but also ensuring our emergency response teams are as diverse and dynamic as the communities they serve. This inclusivity is critical for fostering a sense of belonging among all residents and for enhancing the effectiveness of our emergency health system.

Moreover, this bill allows immigrants to demonstrate their patriotism, gain vital skills, and become integral members of society. It underscores the principle that one's ability to contribute to our community's safety and well-being should not be constrained by immigration status.

In conclusion, I urge you to support SB0374. By doing so, we will take a significant step towards creating an emergency response system that is not only more effective but also

more reflective of the values of diversity and inclusion that define our state and our nation.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Isaac Esene