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Judicial Proceedings Committee
Executive Nominations Committee

THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 23, 2024

RE: Fire/EMS Coalition Support for Senate Bill 838

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

The Fire/EMS Coalition would like to express their support for Senate Bill 838: Vehicle Laws - Lighting - Privately Owned Vehicles. The bill will establish authorization for certain members of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red and green or red and white lights or signal devices.

The Fire/EMS Coalition supports Senate Bill 838 as it will be beneficial to public safety in Maryland as this bill would allow firefighters to respond to emergencies quickly even in their personal time. First Responders know emergencies do not happen on a 9 to 5 on-the-clock basis, allowing light devices for certain volunteer fire company personnel allows for more efficient emergency response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

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 benefit 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.