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The Honorable John A. Olszewski, Jr
Baltimore County Executive
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Towson, MD 21204

Dear County Executive Olszewski:

I write today on behalf of the Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4 to express our concern regarding the occupational health and safety of our members during the COVID-19 pandemic and to ask that your administration establish a worker's compensation presumption of all public safety members who contract the virus in the line of duty.

Since response efforts began in Maryland, our members have played a crucial role in supporting the State's coordinated response. As emergency essential employees, first responders have continued to serve their communities and as such have placed themselves at an increased risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

According to Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Requirements, Section 1904.5 employers are required to "consider an injury or illness to be "work-related" if an event or exposure in the work environment either caused or contributed to the resulting condition or significantly aggravated a pre-existing injury or illness." Additionally, OSHA rules state that work relatedness is presumed for injuries and illnesses resulting from events or exposures occurring in the work environment.

Maryland's law enforcement personnel are working around the clock to uphold and ensure public order and support the health, safety, and stability of our communities. We hope you will take all necessary actions to protect their health and establish this must needed presumption for all public safety members who contract the COVID-19 virus.

I thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

David Rose
President

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