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Subject: SENATE Bill 885

Honorable Senators:

I am writing to you, asking your support for Senate Bill 885. This Bill, authored by Senator Casperson, would, I feel, be a step forward for Michigan Emergency Medical Providers. It would also be a huge benefit to the residents of, and visitors to, this great state. This would be especially true for the non-urban areas of Michigan.

As a paramedic with 38 years experience, and a fire chief of a volunteer fire - rescue department in west Michigan, I have seen many occasions when, having a paramedic on scene, with only MFR licensure and capability on the rescue truck, patient outcome was not as good as it would have been if that paramedic was able to use their skills at the time of arrival of that rescue unit and not having to wait the extra minutes for an ALS unit to arrive.

Morley Area Fire and Rescue, where I am chief, moved from a MFR unit to a BLS non-transport unit a year and a half ago. We did this because we are, in some areas of our district, 20 minutes or more from the closest ALS responding ambulance. Being BLS allows us to use intermediate airways and a few meds for breathing, allergic reaction and aspirin for chest pain. This capability has been beneficial to patient outcome a number of times. With the three paramedics we have on our roster, we could often do more for patients prior to arrival of the ALS ambulances.

Many medical first responder agencies have higher level licensed people on their rosters. If Senate Bill 885 were to become law, many MFR licensed agencies in the state could provide better care, sooner, for their patients. This would hold true if the personnel on scene were licensed as Basic-EMT or Paramedic, the level of care would be improved over MFR level. Please do not think that I am disrespecting or diminishing in any way the MFR units that work so hard and do a great job for their citizens. It is just that, with higher licensure people on scene, and the equipment and meds they are already trained and licensed to use, patient outcome could and would be improved in many cases.

Thank you for your consideration and, hopefully support of Senate Bill 885. If there is anything I can add to this letter, please call me at 231-250-0876. I would be very pleased to speak with any of you or your staff.

Respectfully:

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