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Honorable Karen Bass
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0047

Dear Assembly Member Bass:

Assembly Bill 220

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators' Association of California (EMSAAC) represents the administrators of the local EMS agencies that regulate and coordinate the delivery of emergency medical services in California.

AB 220, the Firefighters Bill of Rights, poses major concerns for EMS agency administrators and medical directors in relation to the medical control of prehospital care personnel. EMS agencies ensure the safety of the public by ensuring that the same standards for medical oversight are applied equally to the public and the private sector. Further, EMS agencies already ensure the due process rights of those prehospital care medical personnel whose medical performance is reviewed by the local EMS agency medical director.

EMSAAC opposes AB 220 unless it is amended to delete language relating to the licensing and certifying authorities.

Members of our Legislative Committee or I will be pleased to discuss our concerns with your staff and will contact your office in the near future for further discussion.

Very truly yours,

Carol Meyer, President, EMSAAC
Director, Los Angeles County EMS Agency

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