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The Honorable Ed Hernandez, Chair
Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 220 – Oppose Unless Amended – Set to be heard 3/28/07

Dear Assembly Member Kuehl:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) represents the local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) that coordinate and regulate 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 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.

We welcome continued discussions to craft language that addresses our concerns.

Very truly yours,

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