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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl, Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5108  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1141/Margett – Concerns – Set to be heard 4/2/08

Dear Senator 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. We are writing to express our concerns that AB 1141/Margett, as written, would remove LEMSA medical oversight of public aircraft providing emergency medical services transport.

We have been in conversations with the sponsors of the bill and are requesting that the following language be added at the end of Section 1797.9 (b): *Notwithstanding any provision of this section the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 1798) shall apply.*

This amendment would assure that these aircraft operate in accordance with the medical standards of the emergency medical services system. For these reasons, we urge the adoption of this language. We thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Very truly yours,

Bruce H. Lee  
EMSAAC President

Santa Clara County  
EMS Agency Director

cc: The Honorable Bob Margett, Member, California State Senate  
Sam Aanestad, Vice Chair, Senate Health Committee  
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