



County Health Executives  
Association of California



April 7, 2008

The Honorable Mike Eng, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Business and Professions  
State Capitol, Room 6025  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2490/Jeffries – Oppose Unless Amended – Set for hearing 4/15/08

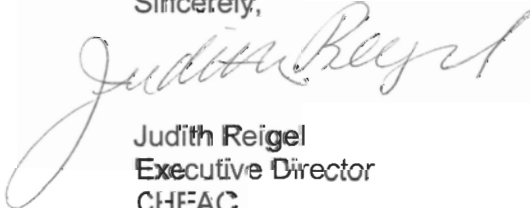
Dear Assembly Member Eng:

The County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) and the Emergency Medical Services Administrators' Association of California (EMSAAC) have taken an Oppose Unless Amended position on AB 2490/Jeffries, which would create the California Public Safety Agency, and would remove the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) from its current placement in the California Health and Human Services Agency.


This proposed consolidation of the EMSA into the California Public Safety Agency would jeopardize the integrity of EMSA's rightful emergency medical focus. EMSA is charged with coordinating the complicated system of hospital and prehospital emergency services throughout the state. Maintaining the existing medical independence of the EMSA is necessary to ensure the safe, efficient and effective delivery of emergency medical and trauma services, and disaster medical response for the citizens and visitors of the State of California.

For these reasons, CHEAC and EMSAAC request that AB 2490 be amended to remove the Emergency Medical Services Agency from the proposed consolidation. Please contact us at 916-327-7540 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Judith Reigel  
Executive Director  
CHEAC



Bruce H. Lee  
President  
EMSAAC

cc: The Honorable Kevin Jeffries  
Members, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions  
Josefina Ramirez, Consultant, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions  
Ted Blanchard, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus