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

RE: SB 1141/Margett – Continued Concerns – Set to be heard 4/23/08

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. EMSAAC continues to have concerns on SB 1141/Margett, as amended 4/16/08.

We have been in conversations with the sponsors of the bill and appreciate the progress that has been made to date. However, we are requesting the following additional amendments to the April 16 version of the bill in order to assure appropriate LEMSA oversight of the emergency medical system. The amendments we are requesting are:

Section 1797.9 (a) (3): Public aircraft flight operations, except with respect to patient **transport and** destinations and the medical crewmember's certification **or licensure, medical** oversight, and adherence to the local EMS agency **dispatch and EMS system medical** policies, **and** procedures **and standards**.

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,

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EMSAAC President

Santa Clara County
EMS Agency Director

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