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

RE: AB 3000/Wolk – Support – Set to be heard 6/11/08

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 request your support for AB 3000/Wolk, which would redefine a request to forgo resuscitative measures as a “request regarding resuscitative measures,” which would be a written, signed document that addresses the individuals preferences regarding life-sustaining treatment.

EMSAAC strongly supports this legislation that recognizes the patient’s wishes regarding their end-of-life treatment. AB 3000 addresses an individual’s preference regarding life-sustaining treatment while also assuring that the health care provider is exempt from criminal prosecution, civil liability or discipline for unprofessional conduct if they honor the patient’s written requests.

For these reasons, we urge your support of AB 3000.

Very truly yours,

Bruce H. Lee
EMSAAC President

Santa Clara County
EMS Agency Director

cc: The Honorable Lois Wolk, Member, California State Assembly
Members, Senate Health Committee
Kelly Patterson, Consultant, Senate Health Committee
Joe Parra, Senate Republican Caucus Consultant