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The Honorable Jose Solorio, Chair
Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1236/Padilla – Support – Set to be heard 6/10/08

Dear Assembly Member Solorio:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) is pleased to take a **STRONG SUPPORT** position on SB 1236/Padilla. EMSAAC represents the local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) that plan, implement, monitor and evaluate emergency medical services systems throughout California.

EMSAAC continues to support measures that will bring critically needed funding to emergency departments, emergency physicians, adult and pediatric trauma centers and other EMS system needs.

SB 1236 will remove the existing January 2009 sunset clause from SB 1773, enacted in January 2007, permitting counties to raise penalty assessments on certain court imposed and collected fines, penalties and forfeitures. These revenues are used to support disproportionate trauma and emergency departments and physicians who provide emergency services to uncompensated care patients. Fifteen percent (15%) of these revenues, referred to as "Ritchie's Fund," are designated for pediatric trauma care. The removal of the current sunset is of utmost importance to our EMS systems.

EMSAAC is pleased to offer its support on passage of SB 1236/Padilla.

Very truly yours,

Bruce H. Lee
EMSAAC President

Santa Clara County
EMS Agency Director

cc: The Honorable Alex Padilla, Member, California State Senate
Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee
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Gary Olson, Assembly Republican Caucus Consultant