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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to share my support for AB24 and comments for a needed amendment. In my leadership positions with Elko County Ambulance, I have attended the Committee on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) meetings for several years. I have advocated there is a gap that exists for tribal representation on the committee. I have also expressed that another gap exists, that of representation for “third-service” EMS providers.

Third-service ambulance providers are government EMS agencies that are not part of another government service (i.e., Fire or Law Enforcement). The current committee membership in NRS 450B.151 does not have any possibilities for tribal or third-service representation. In a Rural Nevada EMS Capacity Assessment by the UNR School of Medicine in 2020, it was reported that 11.5% of rural agencies were Tribal EMS Agencies and 15.4% of rural agencies were City/County EMS (third-service). With no current possibilities for tribal or third-service representation, that means 26% of the rural EMS agencies are not represented in the Committee on EMS.

In addition to my desire to see third-service and tribal agencies added as members of the Committee on EMS, I also feel it is important for all the committee members be appointed by the State Board of Health. The Committee on EMS reports to the State Board of Health (NRS 450B.153 (3)). The appointment by the Board of Health also allows for easier compliance with NRS 450B.151 (8), a statute that specifically attempts to make sure representation is distributed across different agencies.

I have attached some suggested language based on my comments.

Please contact me with any further information that may be needed.

Respectfully,

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CC:

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Enclosed:

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