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The Honorable Mike Gipson
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1795/Gipson (As Introduced 1/9/18) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gipson:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) support your bill AB 1795 (as introduced January 9, 2018), which would authorize a local emergency medical services agency to submit, as part of its emergency medical services (EMS) plan, a plan to transport specified patients to a community care facility in lieu of transportation to a general acute care hospital. This bill will enable patients to be properly assessed, treated, and transported to a facility specifically designed to meet the needs of the patient being served. By allowing prehospital personnel to transport patients to the appropriate care facility the first time, this bill has the added benefit eliminating secondary transfers, reducing unnecessary emergency department admissions, and increasing the availability of ambulances to respond life-threatening emergencies.

EMSAAC and EMDAC strongly believe that past 38 years have demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that local EMS agencies through their expert physician leadership can safely design EMS plans that meet the needs of individual patients and the communities we serve. Today, under the leadership and direction of local EMS agency physician medical directors, mobile intensive care paramedics deliver advanced life support (ALS) patient care to critically ill and injured Californians at their most vulnerable moments. Clearly these same paramedics under the direction of expert emergency medicine physician can safely and appropriately meet the special needs of patients best served by community care facilities.

In order to truly serve our communities we believe that local EMS agencies through their expert physician leadership need flexibility to develop, implement, and evaluate programs specifically designed to meet the unique needs and challenges of their own systems. We believe that AB 1795 will enable local EMS agencies meet the needs of those we serve throughout our expansive service environments ranging from metropolitan Los Angeles to the wilderness of Modoc.

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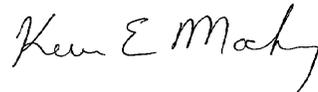
EMSAAC represents the 33 local emergency medical services (EMS) agency administrators representing all of California's 58 counties. The mission of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California, Inc. (EMDAC) is to provide leadership and expert opinion in the medical oversight, direction and coordination of Emergency Medical Services for the people of the State of California.

If you should have any questions, please contact EMSAAC's Legislative Chair Dan Burch at (209) 468-6818.

Sincerely,



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