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The Honorable Brian Maienschein  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4139  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1650/Maienschein (as amended April 20, 2017) – Support if Amended**

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) are appreciative of and support your efforts to authorize local emergency medical services agencies to implement community paramedicine programs in California. EMSAAC and EMDAC believe that, in addition to the planned amendments pending publication as agreed to in November 2017, an additional change is needed to make community paramedicine truly effective.

Respectfully we request that the following language be added to Section 1804: *“(e) Other services as described by a local EMS agency in its application and approved by the authority”*.

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 community paramedicine programs specifically designed to meet the unique needs and challenges of their own systems. We believe the current bill language is too restrictive and too limiting to adequately address the expansive service environments ranging from metropolitan Los Angeles to wilderness Modoc.

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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