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March 5, 2021

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 687/Hueso (as introduced February 19, 2021) – Concerns**

Dear Senator Hueso:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) appreciate and support your efforts to improve access to first-aid bleeding supplies for bystanders to use to treat patients from mass shooting events and other causes of traumatic bleeding. EMSAAC and EMDAC believe that the hemorrhage control supplies should be limited to basic first-aid bleeding control supplies that untrained bystanders can readily and safely use without posing a risk of significant additional harm to patients.

We respectfully request that the following language be removed from Section 1714.27: *"(3) Four chest seals that are inspected for replacement no less than every three years"*.

Based on EMDAC's review of current medical literature, chest seals' use and application should be reserved for trained medical responders.

EMSAAC represents the 33 local emergency medical services (EMS) agency administrators representing California's 58 counties. The Emergency Medical Directors Association of California, Inc. (EMDAC) 's mission 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 have any questions, please contact EMSAAC's Legislative Chair Kristin Weivoda at (530) 490-3061.

Sincerely,

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