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Senator Melissa Wiklund
Chair, Health and Human Services Committee
95 University Avenue West Minnesota Senate Building, Room 2107
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs (HCAPE), I am writing to express our strong support for SF 3902, legislation that improves transparency and accountability within Minnesota's emergency medical services system through standardized reporting of prehospital care data.

Emergency medical services are a critical component of Minnesota's public safety and healthcare infrastructure. However, policymakers and stakeholders often lack consistent, accessible data to fully understand how ambulance services operate across municipalities. SF 3902 represents an important step toward improving the visibility of EMS system performance and utilization. SF 3902 requires ambulance service licensees to collect and report key prehospital care data. These data points provide important insight into how EMS resources are deployed, how services are utilized, and the quality of care provided across communities.

Importantly, SF 3902 directs the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to make this information publicly available on an annual basis, improving transparency for policymakers, communities, EMS leaders, and other stakeholders. At present, access to meaningful, localized EMS data is often limited or inconsistent, making it difficult to fully understand system demand and performance. Making this information publicly available will support more informed planning, strengthen discussions around workforce and system sustainability, and help identify areas where additional resources or policy intervention may be needed.

This information is particularly valuable as the Legislature continues to examine the long-term sustainability of Minnesota's EMS system. Across the state, ambulance services are experiencing rising call volumes, workforce shortages, and increasing financial pressures that threaten the stability of emergency response systems. Reliable statewide data will help policymakers better understand these trends and develop informed policy and funding solutions that support the providers, patients, and their communities.

SF 3902 is a practical and constructive step towards strengthening Minnesota's EMS data infrastructure and supporting a more informed, transparent, and sustainable EMS system. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to support SF 3902.

Respectfully,

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