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Chair Melissa Wiklund and Members
Senate Health & Human Services Committee
Minnesota Senate

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA), which represents ambulance services across Minnesota, we write regarding **SF 3902**, which would establish new ambulance data reporting requirements under Minnesota Statutes §144E.123.

While we support the responsible use of data to improve emergency medical services, **SF 3902 raises serious concerns related to patient privacy** under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

The bill would require ambulance services to report detailed information about every emergency response within each municipality and directs the Office of Emergency Medical Services to make that information publicly available each year. In many Minnesota communities – particularly smaller towns – there may only be one cardiac arrest, overdose, suicide attempt, or serious trauma call in a year. Publishing detailed response information such as dispatch reason, response details, and transport destination could make it possible for an individual involved in a deeply personal medical emergency to be identified.

For example, in a small town where residents are aware that an ambulance responded to a particular home or incident, publicly released data describing the type of call and hospital destination could effectively confirm the nature of that medical emergency. Even if names are not included, the combination of details could reveal sensitive information about a neighbor, coworker, or family member's health crisis.

This type of inadvertent identification risk is precisely why the classification and release of health-related data must be handled carefully under Minnesota's data privacy laws. We believe the proposal raises significant privacy issues that merit careful review, including by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

It is also important to note that Minnesota ambulance services already submit extensive prehospital care data through existing reporting systems. Licensed services submit electronic patient care reports (ePCRs) through the **MNSTAR Elite system**, typically within 24 hours of a call. These reports follow the **National EMS Data Set (NEMSIS) standards** and include detailed information on dispatch reason, patient assessment, vital signs, interventions, and transport outcomes. The Office of Emergency Medical Services already collects and analyzes this data for oversight and system improvement.

Given the breadth of existing reporting, SF 3902 may duplicate information that is already available to regulators while creating new risks related to public release of sensitive emergency response data.

Minnesota's ambulance services are committed to transparency and continuous improvement in patient care. We welcome the opportunity to work with legislators and the Office of Emergency Medical Services to ensure that any future data reporting proposals protect patient privacy and align with existing reporting systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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