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"A System designed to Save Lives"

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA. 17101

Dear Commissioners,

The Board of Directors of the Eastern PA EMS Council is pleased to support, recommend and endorse the EMS final-form Regulation Number #10-190 (IRRC #2917).

Throughout that process, the Department of Health and the Bureau of EMS have engaged public, private and governmental stakeholders by hosting town meetings across this Commonwealth to discuss the draft Regulation. Those meetings have been conducted through a variety of outlets and methods seeking the input of all EMS stakeholders, including First Responders, EMTs, Paramedics, Nurses, Physicians and EMS Agencies, as well as Hospitals and Medical Facilities.

This comprehensive document defines the future of EMS in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is exceptional for the EMS System as a whole. It provides an advanced system program that is expandable and flexible, allowing it to address the latest discoveries in health care and provide enhanced educational and clinical experience for EMS and its partners. Additionally, the Regulation will provide an advanced Scope of Practice, and will be able to integrate new and emerging technologies.

The Eastern PA EMS Council remains committed to supporting the Department of Health and the Bureau of EMS as the Regulation process continues and looks forward to embracing the Regulation into our mission of providing "A System Designed to Save Lives."

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on a Regulation that will improve the EMS System for the residents and visitors in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

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