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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
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Dear IRRC Commissioners;

Millcreek Paramedic Service is an ALS ambulance service serving Millcreek Township and Presque Isle State Park. We also assist several surrounding volunteer fire departments and paid EMS services in and around Erie, and Erie County Pennsylvania.

Millcreek Paramedic Service supports the adoption of the following:
Name of Regulation: Department of Health-Emergency Medical Services System
Regulation Number: #10-190 (IRRC #2917)
Date of Hearing: Thursday, August 22, 2013
Time: 10:00AM

Millcreek Paramedic Service is strongly in support of Act 37 and we feel it is in the best interest of all EMS agencies to support this act. We cannot afford to lose this opportunity to move forward. The act was signed into law in 2009, and it needs to be finalized this year. Prior to this, the last changes to the EMS act were made in October 2000. The stakeholder meetings in the EMMCO West region during development and the proposed regulations made it clear that this is the future of EMS in Pennsylvania. We cannot allow our Commonwealth to regress to Act 45 of 1987!

The needs of the EMS system, healthcare in general and our patients need the benefits of Act 37. The entire healthcare system has changed dramatically since 1987. We respectfully ask that you vote favorably for Act 37.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Benson EMT-P
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Millcreek Paramedic Service