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**Comments in Support of the Department of Health  
Emergency Medical Services System  
Regulation Number: #10-190**

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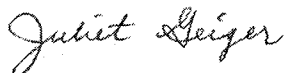
Submitted by Juliet Geiger RN, MSN – Executive Director

Dear Commissioners:

This letter confirms the support of the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (“PTSF”) for the approval of the Department of Health-Emergency Medical Services System Regulations in areas that impact trauma centers. The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation is a nonprofit foundation that was authorized to develop standards of trauma center accreditation and to accredit trauma centers as defined in the state EMS Act of 1985 and again in Act 37 of 2009. From their initial formation, PTSF took part in reviewing regulations in areas that impact trauma centers. PTSF distributed draft regulations to all Pennsylvania trauma centers and PTSF board members for review and comment. The EMS Bureau of the Department of Health was helpful in educating the PTSF board and trauma center community concerning the regulations. Also in my role as a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (“PEHSC”) I was also informed as to the formation of the regulations during board meetings where the Director of the EMS Bureau provided substantive responses to questions and inquiries.

Thank you for your careful review of the final regulations. PTSF supports the regulations and believe they will serve the interest of the public and trauma centers for providing better trauma care in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation