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Letter of Union support from the National.

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## International Association of EMTs and Paramedics

A DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

April 3, 2023

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Santa Barbara EMS Provider Vote – Support for AMR

Members of the Board,

The International Association of EMTs and Paramedics (IAEP) writes to once again express support for American Medical Response (AMR) as you prepare for a vote to approve the outcome of the RFP process and findings of the Santa Barbara County LEMSA. For more than 20 years, AMR has provided lifesaving ambulance services to Santa Barbara and committed innumerable resources during that time to improving quality of care. Over 15 years of that time has been spent in positive association with the IAEP across the bargaining table.

In the many years our organizations have coexisted, AMR has demonstrated its ability to meet and exceed expectations as compared to a large percentage of healthcare competitors. Their adaptability in the face of extreme distress, along with their willingness to cooperate despite unfavorable business conditions, has made their partnership a welcome one.

To our membership, AMR has expressed compassion and fairness in equal measure. Over the course of our relationship, a great number of issues have been amicably resolved where other providers may have required far more aggressive legal measures to bear accountability. As the market for EMS labor has evolved both financially and operationally, it cannot be said that AMR has slackened in its attention to detail on a local or national level.

Our members, your first responders, are proud to support AMR and to urge you to vote in favor of approving LEMSA's recommendation to once again select them as your area EMS provider. AMR and their workforce represent experience and knowledge of the EMS system that simply cannot be matched.

Sincerely,

Philip Petit  
National Director, IAEP

