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Hello,

Please see the attached letter from Assemblymember Gregg Hart.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 31, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street
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Dear Chair Williams and Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a former member of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request your support of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department's request to provide exclusive ambulance service countywide. The Board should reject the proposed contract with American Medical Response (AMR).

For the past 50 years, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (Department) has operated a nationally recognized paramedic program. With 16 fire stations and more than 250 firefighters and paramedics, the Department has advanced life support (ALS) transportation capabilities countywide. The Department is already often the first to arrive on scene for emergency medical calls for service. If awarded the contract, the Department will be positioned to partner with allied local fire agencies. Working together, the services of 37 fire stations and more than 470 fire personnel can be leveraged to effectively respond to the emergency medical needs of our community.

Through a comprehensive approach to ambulatory and fire management, the Department will increase the availability of ambulances countywide. This will promote faster response times and improve patient health outcomes. Additionally, the Department is committed to deploying community paramedicine services to reduce emergency room visits and support underserved populations, including people experiencing homelessness. The Department is also confident that they can successfully increase the attainment of compliance goals.

In addition to enhancing the quality of care for patients, awarding the contract to the Department will also promote local accountability and community reinvestment. The Department is committed to establishing a Community Advisory Group to help inform the provision of emergency medical services. Furthermore, as a public agency, the Department will reinvest any profits from the contract back into the community. The Department is accountable to the Board of Supervisors and the people of the County of Santa Barbara, not private shareholders.

For the reasons above, I urge your support of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department's request to provide exclusive ambulance services countywide, in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember Gregg Hart

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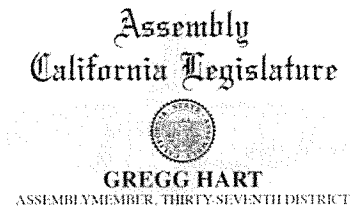
I hope this message finds you well. Attached is a letter from Assemblymember Hart regarding the Ambulance RFP Update (Item D-8). This letter was submitted on Friday to be included as public comment for the hearing tomorrow.

Kind regards,
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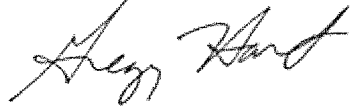
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