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Chair Hartmann and Members of the
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I write the attached letter in support of moving the current ambulance contract from AMR to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

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Re: RFP for Ambulance Services

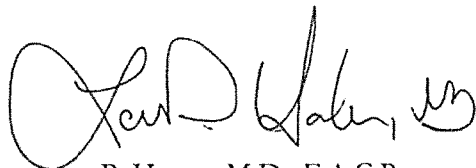
Dear Supervisors:

I write this letter in support of moving the current contract held by AMR for Ambulance Services to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD). This recommendation is made based on my observations and experiences as a practicing physician and physician leader in Santa Barbara County for the past forty years. I am the Past-President of Pueblo Radiology Associates, been involved on numerous hospital committees and had the honor to serve on the Board of the Medical Society of Santa Barbara County and preside as its president for one year.

While the present staff of AMR are fine individuals—many of whom I hope will have the opportunity to join the SBCFD team, the current emergency ambulance services are unwieldy. Responses are duplicated, there are service lines that are arbitrary and can delay transport, and there can be delays in response times while waiting for AMR to arrive.

The County needs a coordinated well managed system within the Emergency Management Services arm of government. The transfer of the ambulance contract to the SBCFD will enhance a coordinated County-wide system without service boundaries and better serve the medical community and more importantly, the needs of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,



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