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As physicians, we are ethically bound to advocate for the best interests of our patients, and we know that quality prehospital care improves their outcomes. Santa Barbara County is known for being a progressive system. This is our opportunity to utilize that ingenuity to our advantage. Our professional opinion is that a concerted attempt at renegotiation is the prudent initial approach. We thank you for your leadership and remain dedicated to the health and welfare of Santa Barbara County.

Respectfully,

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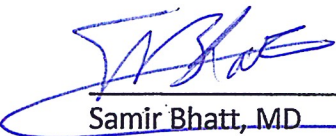
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