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Re: SF 3886

Dear Senate Taxes Committee Chair, Sen. Ann Rest and Committee Members:

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), on behalf of Minnesota's 87 counties, **supports SF 3886**.

AMC has a strong interest in ensuring uninterrupted and quality ambulance services for every community in Minnesota. Operating costs for EMS services have risen and reimbursement rates have not kept pace. Moreover, workforce and staffing challenges have compounded this problem and created an ongoing deficit statewide. \$120 million in SF 3886 would serve as a stopgap measure to address immediate funding shortfalls statewide and buy time for the Legislature and advocates to develop a sustainable funding model in the long term.

EMS providers offer essential and lifesaving care to all Minnesotans. Without this funding, we risk closure or reduction in EMS services, which is something we cannot afford. Again, AMC strongly encourages you to **support SF 3886**.

Sincerely,

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