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Sen. Grant Hauschild
Minnesota Senate Building Room 3111
95 University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Rep. Dave Lislegard
State Office Building Room 451
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Dear Senator Hauschild and Representative Lislegard:

Thank you for authoring legislation to provide one-time, emergency funding for the critical EMS services that provide care for Minnesotans statewide.

Hennepin Emergency Medical Services (EMS) serves a primary services area of 266 square miles and a residential population of more than 700,000. Our team of 350 proudly provides strategic and responsive resources to the community we serve every day. From our cutting-edge technology and our efficient protocols to our specially trained teams, Minnesotans rely on us to provide the right care at the right time, when seconds matter.

EMS providers in greater Minnesota are facing critical challenges to delivering services. These challenges include severe reimbursement shortfalls, aging workforces, unsustainable staffing models, and increased operating costs. Combined, these factors are creating a crisis for rural ambulance providers.

We write in support of S.F. 3886/H.F. 3992 which provides \$120M in emergency ambulance aid that will keep EMS operating in the near term. Without this vital emergency funding, followed by a longer-term viable financial solution, rural ambulance providers won't have the capacity to sustain delivering their services, much less to pursue innovative solutions that can improve care delivery.

Sincerely,

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