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Hon. Mary Peters, Secretary Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Peters:

I am writing to offer the support of the National Association of EMS Physicians to the candidacy of Robert O'Connor, MD, MPH for a position on the National EMS Advisory Council, representing the EMS physician community.

Dr. O'Connor is the immediate past president of our organization, and is heavily involved in EMS activities through a number of other national organizations, including the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiac Care program, which he currently serves as vice-chair; Advocates for EMS, a multi-organization lobbying group, which he serves as president; and the National Registry of EMTs, on whose board he currently sits. He has likely been the most visible and active physician leader in EMS over the past few years, and shows no signs of slowing down, even now that his term as NAEMSP president has ended. Despite his heavy national presence, he remains extremely active in EMS and emergency medicine at his home institution, where he holds both the research director and residency director posts.

In summary, we believe that Dr. O'Connor is highly qualified to represent the EMS physician community, and we are extremely pleased to support his nomination. Please do not hesitate to call at any time if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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David C. Cone, MD President