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Kevin G. Munjal, M.D.
Founder, NYC Community Paramedicine Task Force

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Dear Dr. Munjal,

On behalf of the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council's Regional EMS Advisory Committee, we would like to indicate our enthusiastic support for the efforts of the NYC Community Paramedicine Task Force. It is critical for us to explore the feasibility of new models of prehospital care, including elements to make emergency response more patient-centered and adaptive to changes in the healthcare system, efforts to make prehospital care more integrated into the continuum of healthcare service delivery, and to integrate EMS into the public health infrastructure.

Here in Monroe and Livingston Counties, the REMAC has strongly supported efforts by EMS agencies, government, hospitals, and non-profits, with the concept that these innovative programs can help improve the care delivered to patients, the safety of the EMS system, and the health of the community. Some efforts, such as using paramedics to administer influenza vaccines during the H1N1 epidemic and screening patients for unmet needs, have been successful and benefitted our community.

We would like to thank the members of the Task Force for beginning a dialogue about the potential for prehospital care to contribute more than it does today. We hope that the work of the NYC Community Paramedicine Task Force would advance the support, regulatory environment, and science surrounding community-based EMS. We encourage other organizations, including hospital systems, public and private payers of healthcare, and government regulators to engage in this important discussion about the potential benefits of expanding the role that prehospital care systems play in our society.

Sincerely,

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Chair, REMAC