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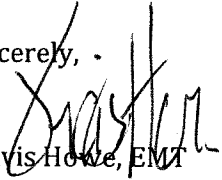
Dr. Munjal,

On behalf of the Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council (MLREMSCO), it is my pleasure to express support for the efforts of the New York Mobile Integrated Healthcare Association. We believe that it is critical to explore the feasibility of new models of pre-hospital care, including: elements to make emergency response more patient-centered and adaptive to changes in the healthcare system, efforts to make pre-hospital care more integrated into the continuum of healthcare service delivery, and to integrate EMS into the public health infrastructure.

MLREMSCO is ready to support efforts by EMS agencies that wish to establish innovative programs that can help improve patient care and the overall health of our communities. It is our belief that changes to the current EMS system as well as financial reimbursement paradigms is critical to the future success of pre and post hospital care. Our body and the agencies that we support should have the flexibility to make these changes happen as needed.

We would like to thank the members of NYMIHA for beginning a dialogue about the potential of EMS having a role in the improvement of pre / post hospital care and the ability to contribute more than it does today. We hope that the work of NYMIHA will continue to influence reform within regulatory environments, and support 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 pre-hospital care systems play in our society.

Sincerely,


Travis Howe, EMT
Executive Director

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