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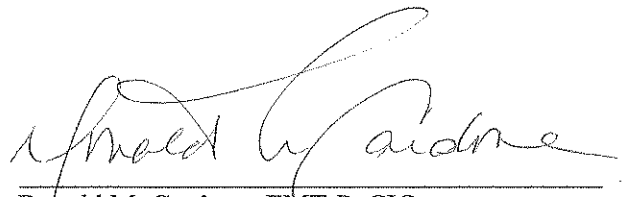
Dear Dr. Munjal,


On behalf of SUNY Downstate Medical Center and Brooklyn Healthcare Improvement Project, we would like to indicate our support for the efforts of the NYC Community Paramedicine Task Force 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.

We would like to thank the members of the Task Force for beginning a regional dialogue about the potential for pre-hospital care to contribute more than it does today. We would 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,


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