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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMS EDUCATORS

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Opposition to the Suspension of the National EMS Advisory Committee.

Honorable Secretary,

The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) writes to express our profound concern regarding the suspension of the National EMS Advisory Committee's (NEMSAC) authority to convene. As the primary national organization representing EMS education professionals nationwide, we strongly oppose this decision for the following critical reasons:

First, NEMSAC serves as the sole unified federal-level voice for Emergency Medical Services. The suspension effectively silences crucial professional input at a time when healthcare delivery systems face unprecedented challenges. This representation is essential for ensuring that EMS perspectives inform federal policy decisions.

Second, NEMSAC plays a vital role in establishing the strategic direction for EMS over the next decade. The committee's work identifying emerging trends, technological advancements, and educational requirements is instrumental in preparing our workforce to meet evolving public health needs. Interrupting this forward-looking work jeopardizes systematic progress.

Third, the suspension risks significant regression within the EMS profession during a particularly vulnerable period. With ongoing workforce shortages, evolving scope of practice concerns, and integration challenges within the broader healthcare ecosystem, the absence of NEMSAC's guidance could result in fragmented development and diminished public safety outcomes, which will likely negatively impact patient care.

We respectfully urge immediate reconsideration of this suspension and the prompt restoration of NEMSAC.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, National Association of EMS Educators