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To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my strong opposition to a specific section of Missouri House Bill 2627, which allows an ambulance service to provide community paramedic services within the jurisdiction of a different ambulance service, that is not providing community paramedic services, without the prerequisite of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This provision undermines the structure and coordination of local emergency medical services (EMS) and could potentially compromise the quality of care provided to patients. Community paramedic services are an essential aspect of healthcare, offering a bridge between emergency care and primary health services, especially in underserved or rural areas. These services often include post-hospital visit care, chronic disease monitoring, vaccinations, and health education, which are critical for patient outcomes and community health. The integration of community paramedic services within local EMS frameworks should be approached with meticulous coordination and mutual agreement to ensure that the services provided are not only efficient but also tailored to the specific needs of the community. The absence of a memorandum of understanding between the local ambulance service and any external ambulance service providing community paramedic services poses several risks and challenges:

- 1. Lack of Coordination:** MOUs facilitate formal agreements that outline the scope of services, operational protocols, and communication strategies. Without these agreements, there is a significant risk of operational overlap, inefficiencies, and confusion among EMS providers, which could delay service delivery.
- 2. Quality of Care Concerns:** The quality of community paramedic services may vary if there is no formal agreement ensuring that external providers meet the local standards and expectations. This lack of oversight could lead to inconsistencies in patient care and outcomes.
- 3. Community Relationships:** Local ambulance services have established relationships within their communities, including with local hospitals, primary care providers, and public health agencies. Introducing external providers without a formal agreement could disrupt these relationships and the integrated care networks that have been developed.
- 4. Resource Allocation:** Without an MOU, there could be misallocation of resources, where external providers might duplicate services already provided or miss gaps in care that the local service is better positioned to address.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge reconsideration of the provision in HB 2627 that allows for the provision of community paramedic services without an MOU. Collaboration and formal agreements between local and external ambulance services are essential to ensure that community paramedic services are integrated effectively and responsibly into the local healthcare ecosystem. Such agreements will ensure that all parties have a clear understanding of their roles, responsibilities, and the standards of care to be provided, ultimately leading to better health outcomes for the community. Thank you for considering my testimony on this matter. I believe that with thoughtful legislation that promotes collaboration and high standards of care, Missouri can continue to improve its emergency medical services and better serve its

residents.Sincerely,Charles W. Anderson, EMT-P, MBAEMS Director



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