



THE HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF PARAMEDICS AND EMTs  
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RE: Letter of Support HF 3992

Chair Gomez and Committee Members,

I am the president of the Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs (HCAPE). HCAPE is the labor union that represents the Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMDs) of Hennepin EMS. Hennepin EMS is a division of Hennepin Healthcare. Our members have proudly provided 911 ambulance response to 14 municipalities within Hennepin County.

I am writing to express my strong support for HF 3992 the Emergency Ambulance Service Aid bill. HF 3992 will provide much needed funding solutions for rural ambulance services across the state. EMS services are struggling with inadequate reimbursement rates and rising costs, that is compounded by rising call volumes and staffing challenges. HF 3992 will serve as a interim solution for rural ambulance services to remain open and operating. Stakeholders are actively working towards long-term, sustainable funding solutions for Emergency Medical Services that will keep Minnesota as a nation leader in Emergency Medical Services.

Our profession has long been underfunded and neglected. However, EMS providers have still created a nation leading EMS system. With sustainable funding sources, our industry can focus on workforce development, training opportunities, and innovative solutions to EMS delivery. I ask you to bring EMS to the forefront of discussions and support these initiatives.

Thank you for supporting HF 3992.

Respectfully,

Shane Hallow

President

Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs