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Kurt Krumperman  
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Dear Kurt:

NASEMSO requests that Advocates for EMS add to its 2010 priorities an issue of concern to state EMS officials. We support the language changes contained in S.1157 that would eliminate the existing ownership requirement, "isolation test" (35 mile rule) for CAH-based ambulance services, and would also allow Critical Access Hospitals to do "under arrangement" cost based billing for all the services that deliver patients to them. The language in S.1157 addresses all of these issues and is supported by the National Rural Health Association, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, the National EMS Management Association, and the American Ambulance Association as well.

Please work with NASEMSO Rural EMS Chair Jim DeTienne (jdetienne@mt.gov) if subject matter expertise is needed; we understand that Holland & Knight already has been briefed on the issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Blessing  
President

Cc: Jim DeTienne, NASEMSO Rural EMS Chair  
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