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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OFFICIALS PRAISES LIEBERMAN AND MCCAIN**

July 22, 2010, Falls Church, Virginia – The National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) today strongly praised Senators Joe Lieberman (I – Conn.) and John McCain (R – Ariz.) for their introduction of legislation to reallocate the 700 MHz D Block to public safety and to fund build-out and maintenance of an interoperable nationwide public safety broadband network. Their bill would join H.R. 5081 as companion legislation directing the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to add the D Block to 700 MHz bandwidth already licensed to public safety to create a core nationwide data communications network.

“We appreciate Lieberman and McCain’s recognition that today’s teenagers have more robust broadband communications capabilities in their handheld devices than do our nation’s emergency responders” said NASEMSO President-elect Randy Kuykendall. “Their legislation is key to obtaining the bandwidth and funding to reverse this and to improve the life-saving capabilities of EMS responders across the nation.”

About NASEMSO

The National Association of State EMS Officials is the lead national organization for EMS, a respected voice for national EMS policy with comprehensive concern and commitment for the development of effective, integrated, community-based, universal and consistent EMS systems. Its members are the leaders of their state and territory EMS systems. NASEMSO provides national EMS community leadership in the public safety communications arena.