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To: Senate Committee on Labor and Business

From: Dan Brattain, VP, Cal-Ore Life Flight

RE: SB 857 Emergency Medical Service Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact

Cal-Ore Life Flight is an emergency air & ground ambulance provider based on the Southern Oregon coast. We are extremely rural, about three hours away from the closest micropolitan cities.

Ambulance companies are currently facing the most difficult staffing challenges they have ever experienced. Our rural location presents a barrier to attracting qualified applicants for Paramedic positions.

We strongly urge support of SB 857 to allow Oregon to join the EMS Compact. This will facilitate hiring certified and experienced Paramedics to better serve our community.

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