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On Behalf Of:

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I am a paramedic with AMR in Multnomah county. I oppose this bill. We have all worked very hard to obtain our paramedic license and I feel it undermines our efforts. We strive to be some of the best in the nation, with a broad scope of practice. That scope of practice requires a higher level of education than high school. Requiring a college degree is crucial in developing the critical thinking skills that this job requires. I feel strongly that lowering the requirements to become a paramedic will have a negative effect on the care the community receives, as well as cause established medics to leave the field. We have to find another solution.

Thank you,
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