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The Honorable Mr. Bobby Jindal  
Governor, the State of Louisiana  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Governor Jindal:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), we wish to share with you our position regarding the role of physician medical directors in the provision of emergency medical services, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

We strongly believe that medical direction is an essential component of an effective EMS system in order to ensure that patient care is administered with appropriate clinical oversight using medically accepted standards. All EMS systems, regardless of their delivery model, should operate with medical direction and oversight from an EMS physician.

NAEMT is the oldest and largest national association representing EMS practitioners from across the country. Today more than 30,000 members strong, NAEMT is our nation's only organization solely dedicated to representing the professional interests of all EMS practitioners, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders and other professionals working in pre-hospital emergency medicine. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

We hope the information contained in our position statement is helpful and that the national standard of medical direction and oversight of EMS systems is upheld.

Sincerely,

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