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The Honorable Jason Altmire
U.S. House of Representatives
332 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Altmire:

I am pleased to inform you that the **National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians** (NAEMT) has endorsed H.R. 978 to recognize and clarify the authority of the states to regulate intrastate helicopter medical services pursuant to their authority over public health planning and protection, patient safety and protection, emergency medical services, the quality and coordination of medical care, and the practice of medicine within their jurisdictions.

Formed in 1975 and today over 26,000 members strong, NAEMT is the nation's only organization solely dedicated to representing the professional interests of 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.

NAEMT is very concerned with the alarming and increasing rate of accidents, injuries and deaths occurring in the air medical transportation industry. We believe that passage of this legislation will help address this problem.

Sincerely,

Patrick F. Moore
President, NAEMT