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Mr. Jeff Gaspin  
Chairman, NBC Universal Television Entertainment  
420 S Grand Ave Rm 501  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Dear Mr. Gaspin:

As President of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, I wish to convey our members' deep disappointment in the portrayal of EMTs and paramedics in your new television program, *Trauma*.

The program depicts EMS practitioners exercising poor judgment in the conduct of their duties, behaving inappropriately on the job, and undertaking illegal activity such as driving after drinking. This presents a grossly inaccurate and misleading impression of the more than 800,000 EMS professionals who have received countless hours of professional training and use their expertise to provide lifesaving services to their patients each day.

I am sure that the intent of your television program is simply to entertain. However, the actual impact on the perception of EMS by the public is quite negative and could even result in individuals not seeking emergency medical services when needed.

On behalf of the membership of NAEMT, I ask that you work to ensure that the content of *Trauma* provides an accurate and fair portrayal of EMS in our country. We would be happy to provide our experience and expertise to your program to assist in any way possible with this effort.

Sincerely,

Patrick Moore  
President, NAEMT