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**JOIN THE  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) CAUCUS**  
*Support Federal Policy Issues Impacting Medical Care That EMS Provides in Every  
Community*

Dear Colleague:

I invite you to become a member of the EMS Caucus for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. The EMS Caucus promotes the important function of emergency medical services through policies that improve the ability of EMS practitioners to provide life-saving medical care in emergencies, cost-saving care management in non-emergent situations, and disaster and tactical response at any time.

**EMS strives for zero preventable deaths**

EMS practitioners provide immediate medical care – many times, life-saving care – to prehospital patients suffering from trauma, stroke and cardiac arrest.

**EMS fills the gaps within our nation's healthcare system**

EMS provides communities with cost-effective, 24/7 mobile medical assistance and preventive care. EMS practitioners, in conjunction with physician oversight, are specially trained to assess patient needs and navigate patients based on those needs to the right care, in the right place, and at the right time.

**EMS is a critical element within our nation's disaster and mass casualty response infrastructure**

EMS responds to bombings, active shooters, biologic threats, and natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods. EMS is also critical to our ability to respond to public health crises, including outbreaks of infectious diseases.

EMS is a healthcare safety net for our nation and a navigator for patients entering the healthcare continuum. Our communities and all residents, whether urban or rural, deserve access to the high-quality out-of-hospital medical care EMS provides.

**Yet, EMS remains significantly underfunded.**

Inadequate funding can present serious challenges to EMS practitioners in the field and harm patients in need. EMS must be fully integrated into our nation's medical preparedness and response strategy and have the training and equipment to achieve zero preventable deaths.

Facts:

- Trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans aged 45 and younger. In the United States, injury accounts for over 150,000 deaths and over 3 million non-fatal injuries per year.
- An estimated 30,000 Americans die each year from injuries they may have survived with better emergency care.
- EMS is mobile and equipped to respond to our nation's emergent, urgent and preventive healthcare needs and lower our nation's healthcare costs.

Congressional support for EMS is needed now more than ever. The EMS Caucus brings a more disciplined focus on these issues and forms a more collective and cohesive bipartisan message to support EMS practitioners nationwide. The EMS Caucus helps promote, educate, and increase awareness around the federal policy issues impacting EMS.

Please join me in supporting this essential public function in the healthcare continuum. For additional information or to join the EMS Caucus, please contact Samantha Dercher in my office at [samantha.dercher@mail.house.gov](mailto:samantha.dercher@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-2472.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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