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The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), we are writing on behalf of H.R. 880, the Mission Zero Act introduced by Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX), a bill that establishes a grant program for military-civilian partnerships in trauma care to allow both the military and private citizens to benefit from each other's expertise.

Formed in 1975 and more than 65,000 members strong, NAEMT is the 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 emergency and mobile healthcare, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations, and in the military.

NAEMT strongly supports implementation of the recommendations, particularly those addressing pre-hospital trauma care, set out in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report, *National Trauma Care System: Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Systems to Achieve Zero Preventable Deaths After Injury*, from which H.R. 880 is derived.

As H.R. 880 moves through the legislative process, NAEMT requests the Committee to consider inclusion of pre-hospital language to support the opportunity for military medics to train along-side civilian EMS practitioners inside or outside of a hospital. As recommended in the Academies Report, language should be included to ensure that prehospital care (e.g. emergency medical services) is a seamless component of trauma care delivery. Almost 90% of the combat fatalities occur during the prehospital phase of trauma care.

Thank you for your consideration of pre-hospital care and, ultimately, achieving zero preventable deaths on and off the battlefield.

Sincerely,

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President, NAEMT