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## Bipartisan Team of U.S. Representatives Dingell and Hudson To Lead Congressional EMS Caucus

Clinton, Miss. — NAEMT is pleased to announce that Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC) have taken over the helm of the Congressional EMS Caucus. The EMS Caucus is a bipartisan effort to promote the critical role of EMS in our communities through policies that:

- Support and strengthen a resilient EMS workforce;
- Improve the ability of EMS to provide life-saving emergent, urgent and preventive patient care;
- Promote innovation in EMS that leads to more effective ways of delivering prehospital and out-of-hospital healthcare;
- Strengthen the ability of EMS to respond to natural and man-made disasters;
- Support military medics transitioning into civilian EMS; and
- Ensure the safety of EMS patients and practitioners.

The EMS Caucus provides a platform to promote, educate, and increase awareness around federal policy issues impacting EMS and serves as a resource for policy questions on all prehospital and out-of-hospital healthcare issues.

"EMS professionals are a critical part of our health and public safety systems, and they provide life-saving services in some of the most difficult circumstances," said Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-12). "I look forward to working with my fellow co-chair Congressman Richard Hudson on bipartisan initiatives to support these dedicated first-responders and strengthen our EMS systems."

"Our EMS professionals are the front lines of health care and are often the difference between life and death for patients with traumatic or life-threatening injuries," said Congressman Richard Hudson (NC-08). "I am proud to partner with my friend, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, in leading the bipartisan Congressional EMS Caucus to help advance critical policies that allow our EMS first responders to do what they do best — save lives and serve our communities."

NAEMT President Matt Zavadsky said, "NAEMT deeply appreciates the leadership of Representatives Dingell and Hudson on this bipartisan effort. In each community across our nation, EMS provides an essential service to those in need. Congressional understanding and support for the lifesaving work of EMS is critical to ensuring that legislative initiatives contribute to strengthening EMS in all of our communities."

## **About NAEMT**

Formed in 1975 and more than 67,000 members strong, NAEMT is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners.

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