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National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

Attention: Nominating Committee

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Distinguished Members of the Nominations Committee,

As a long-time member of NAEMT and a previous member of the Board of Governors from the State of Colorado it is my pleasure to once again support the nomination of my friend and colleague Timothy Dienst for the Mountain Region Director position on the NAEMT Board of Directors. Tim has been an EMS provider for a number of decades and is an accomplished EMS leader. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Ute Pass Regional Health Service District (UPRHSD) he has seen the organization through significant growth and change. Tim has been instrumental in ensuring his organization is on a sound financial footing and has developed cutting edge programs in the areas of community paramedicine and behavioral health care. He has also mentored an outstanding team of mid-level managers that continue to build and improve on those efforts. In addition to his work at UPRHSD, Tim has been very active in state and regional activities. Tim has served as the advocacy chairman for our state EMS association and is the past president of our state-level EMS chief's group. Furthermore, our statewide EMS community has Tim to thank for our substantial level of legislative success in recent years as well as significant improvements in Medicaid reimbursement. Tim's interest and education in public policy combined with his tireless dedication to our profession has made him an invaluable asset to the Colorado EMS community. NAEMT would be fortunate to have Chief Dienst on the Board of Directors and I have no doubt our national community would be well served by his election. I look forward to casting my vote for Tim and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Sean M. Caffrey, MBA, CEMSO, FACPE, NR-P

Chief Executive Officer & Commissioner

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