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## Representative Debbie Dingell Receives NAEMT's 2023 EMS Legislator of the Year Award

Clinton, Miss. — Today, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (<u>NAEMT</u>) honored Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) as the recipient of the 2023 NAEMT EMS Legislator of the Year Award during <u>EMS On The Hill Day</u>, the largest national advocacy event for emergency medical services (EMS) professionals.

This prestigious award recognizes members of Congress who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to, and support of high-quality prehospital and out-of-hospital emergency medical care, as well as the EMS professionals who dutifully serve their patients and our nation's communities.

Rep. Dingell comments: "EMS professionals are on the front lines of our health and public safety, and they provide lifesaving services in some of the most difficult circumstances. Especially throughout the last few years of the COVID-19 pandemic, EMS providers have literally been lifelines for our communities. I am honored to be named EMS legislator of the year, and remain committed to working in Congress to strengthen our public safety systems, and ensure our first responders have all the resources and support they need to continue to do their critical work."

Rep. Dingell is receiving this award for her leadership of the Congressional EMS Caucus, a bipartisan forum to help promote, educate, and increase awareness of EMS issues among federal legislators. The EMS Caucus brings a disciplined focus on EMS issues and forms a bipartisan message in support for the EMS profession nationwide.

NAEMT President Susan Bailey said, "We applaud Rep. Dingell for being an advocate of quality healthcare and recognizing the important role EMS practitioners have in providing the emergent, urgent and preventive care needed by our communities every day. EMS is the vital bridge between hospital-to-home care and transformative public health and disaster response at the local, state, and national levels. NAEMT thanks Rep. Dingell for serving as an EMS champion in the U.S. House of Representatives."

## About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 90,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians 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. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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