April 3, 2013

To: NASEMSO Board of Directors
From: Don Lundy, NAEMT President
Re: Field EMS Bill Steering Committee

Dear Board Members,

Last January, the NAEMT Board voted unanimously that in the best interests of our profession and the patients we serve, NAEMT will step up to take a leadership role in supporting the passage of the Field EMS Quality, Innovation and Cost-Effectiveness Improvement Act, also known as the Field EMS Bill. Our board members recognize that this will require a multi-year sustained effort in which we will need to focus substantial financial and human resources. But, we all feel strongly that the provisions of the Field EMS Bill will help address the lack of federal and state funding for EMS that our members consistently site as an issue of highest priority. The Field EMS Bill was our primary request to Congress this year at EMS on the Hill Day.

Our Board has approved a plan to support passage of the bill. The plan includes obtaining the lobbying services of Holland & Knight to lobby for passage of this bill in Congress. NAEMT now has an agreement in place with Holland & Knight.

The plan also calls for the establishment of a small Field EMS Bill Steering Committee to work with our lobbyist on strategies for obtaining congressional co-sponsorship and to provide her with guidance on any modifications to the bill's language that might be needed. We respectfully ask the NASEMSO president to appoint a member of your organization to serve on our Field EMS Steering Committee. We believe that NASEMSO's participation on this steering committee is critical to our efforts to get this bill passed and signed into law. The only financial obligation associated with this appointment is to cover travel expenses for your representative to attend meetings of the Steering Committee in Washington, D.C. (up to two times per year).

We value our relationship with NASEMSO and hope that you will join us in working to get this important piece of legislation passed.

Sincerely

Don Lundy
President, NAEMT