

ICEP OF ARIZONA



Dear Vice President Biden:

The white paper that was recently released by the Coalition of EMSLA and the IAEMSC , is a position statement that is fully supported by EMS Professionals across the country. As stated in the paper, the current system has taken EMS as far as it can go and now requires Federal oversight to enhance EMS nationally . With this oversight, our system's ability to serve the American taxpayer would be greatly enhanced and help streamline the costs and effectiveness of deployment during both Regional and National Disasters while improving delivery locally. We have become as efficient as we can be with the current system but our limitations are glaring. The challenges presented from new hazards, an aged infrastructure and a weakened economy will stress the system to new levels. The EMS field of service has long been underserved, with little organization at the National Level. We now ask you to support the American EMS Worker's in our quest to Improve and Perfect Emergency Medical Services.

With quality Federal oversight and national participation by professionals that have spent a lifetime of service under the EMS banner, we can become the EMS system our country needs and deserves. The Independent Certified Emergency Professionals of Arizona, a volunteer Union serving hundreds of EMS Professionals, fully endorse and support the recommendations made in the Consolidated Federal Leadership , White Paper. The benefits that this type of structure would provide are immense. This is not only the next natural step for EMS, it is necessary and long overdue. We ask for your support in this historic step to Serve our communities, our Cities, our States and this Country.

Sincerely:

/s/ Joshua Barkley, ICEP of Arizona