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Chairman Ben Barnes
Appropriations Committee
Lowe House Office Building, Room 121
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Barnes and Committee Members:

I am writing to communicate our position of support with amendments for House Bill 1439-
Public Health Funding for Trauma Centers and Services.

As you know, Maryland has one of the best trauma and EMS systems in the nation. This world-class system is made up of many components and has been in existence since 1972. During this time, it is estimated that hundreds of thousands of lives have been saved as a direct result.

One of the components within our Trauma/EMS system is the medevac helicopters operated by the Maryland State Police. This important lifesaving service should be maintained as an integral part of the overall system. The use of the Maryland State Police medevac program allows for the delivery of specialized lifesaving and invasive skills to be delivered to critically ill/injured patients. Moreover, it allows for rapid transport from distant locations to ensure that a patient can be delivered to a specialty referral center to receive care that cannot be provided at a local hospital.

I want to thank you for continued support of the EMS/Fire/Rescue Service and want to reiterate the importance of supporting medevac services. I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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