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Mr. Ryan Sinden, Chair
Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board
EMA Licensing Branch
Ministry of Health
PO Box 9625 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9P1

Dear Mr. Sinden;

Re: Review of First Responder Scope of Practice

In response to the Minister of Health's announcement on July 14th, we write to you on the above captioned manner.

As both the professional voice of paramedicine in British Columbia, through the BC Chapter of the Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) and Union representing all BCEHS paramedics and dispatchers, we believe that we have substantial value to bring to the EMALB's review of first responder scopes.

As such, we are asking for both a meeting to further discuss the issues at your earliest convenience as well as the ability to make a formal presentation to the Board. As the professional regulator of pre-hospital care in BC, evidenced based, best practices have always been at the forefront of safe practice changes and we hope that will also be the case in this review.

As you are aware, we have had extensive experience in this area, both locally and nationally and we are hopeful that we can participate in this initiative.

Please advise if this is acceptable and your availability to meet.

Sincerely,

Dave Deines
Provincial Vice President
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