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Senator Harris, Representative Ritter, Senator Debicella, Representative Giegler and Distinguished Members of the Public Health Committee:

Thank you for raising Senate Bill 414, An Act Reducing The Imposition Of State Mandates On Volunteer Ambulance Services And Personnel. I know you will listen closely to the dedicated volunteer ambulance personnel who are here today about ways to lessen the burden on them so as to allow for recruitment and retention of those volunteers which are critical to so many small towns in Connecticut. Sadly, duplicative training requirements threaten to deplete the number of individuals able to serve in this vital capacity. While no one disputes the need for appropriate training, we must not require so much that such service becomes more time consuming and costly than civic minded volunteers can absorb. I look forward to working with you to address this issue in the weeks ahead. Thank you.