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Human Services Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue, Room 2000  
Hartford, CT 06106

Attention: Co-Chairpersons Senator Slossberg and Representative Abercrombie

RE: Support of Senate Bill 594

Dear Senator Slossberg and Representative Abercrombie:

Please accept this letter of support for Senate Bill 594 to reinstate Medicaid reimbursement levels for emergency ambulance transportation to the pre-July 2011 levels. The Wallingford Fire Department operates two ambulances as part of an enterprise fund. Our ambulance transports are all emergency in nature and any reductions in Medicaid reimbursement have a direct impact on our ability to provide emergency transport services.

Connecticut's maximum ambulance service rate schedule and reimbursement from Federal programs do not cover the cost of ambulance transports.

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| • Wallingford Fire Department Cost Per Transport | \$658.48 |
| • Average Charge                                 | \$761.59 |
| • Average Cash Received                          | \$399.39 |

Our enterprise system must seek funds from the local taxpayer up to 10% of our expenditures. With our ambulance transport annual expenditures projected to be \$2,396,087, I encourage you to support Senate Bill 594.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Struble  
Fire Chief