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February 26, 2015

To: Senator Marilyn Moore, Co-Chairperson  
Representative Catherine Abercrombie, Co-Chairperson  
Members of the Human Service Committee

From: L. Scott Andrews, Executive Director

Re: HB 6846 An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations  
For Human Services Programs

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, Vice Chairpersons, Ranking  
Members and Committee Members:

My name is Scott Andrews. I am the Executive Director for Seymour Ambulance Association. As such, I feel compelled to share my thoughts with you today and request that you oppose the proposed change to Section 17 of the above House Bill.

Seymour Ambulance Association is a small, certified, 9-1-1 EMS responder. We are the primary service area responder for the Town of Seymour and provide mutual aid to other communities surround Seymour. We respond to a little more than 2000 requests for service each year and transport approximately 1700 patients. We pride ourselves on being able to do this as a primarily volunteer agency.

Section 17 of HB 6846, if passed, will eliminate a significant amount of funding that our service counts on to be able to provide emergency medical services to our community. With our economy still in a state of flux, we are transporting an increased number of patients who receive Medicaid benefits as their primary insurance or as their secondary insurance which provides payment for their unmet co-pay.

The elimination of these Medicaid crossover dollars, will result in the lose of over \$53,000 per year in revenue. This is equal to 9% of our total billing revenues received.

Medicaid only reimburses our service for 30% of our costs for transporting a patient. We lose \$507 for every Medicaid patient that we transport.

*The Seymour Ambulance Association is dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life for the residents and guests of the Town of Seymour.*

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Because we only serve as a certified 9-1-1 responder, we have no way of making up this lost revenue. This legislation will potentially put Seymour Ambulance Association in a position where we will not be able to continue to provide the same high-quality service to our residents.

I implore you to please maintain our funding of the Medicaid crossover program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Scott Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

L. Scott Andrews  
Executive Director