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I am submitting this letter to express my support for Ohio House Bill 303. This legislation addresses the process of how EMS training and continuing education topics will be adopted. The provisions outlined in the bill align with the values and needs of our community and the EMS profession.

House Bill 303 ensures EMS training and continuing education will be overseen by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. I believe that the implementation of this legislation will positively impact EMS training and continuing education through the oversight of the State Board that is designed to establishing training and certification standards for emergency medical services personnel. The State Board is comprised of 21 members representing Ohio's fire and emergency medical services, private medical transportation services, mobile intensive care providers, air medical providers, trauma programs, hospitals, emergency physicians, EMS training programs and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

As a concerned member of our profession and an EMS provider in the State of Ohio for over 33 years, I urge you to consider the potential benefits that House Bill 303 can bring to the State of Ohio. Your support for this bill will contribute to necessary education and continuing education in the State of Ohio.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will make decisions that prioritize the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

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