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Chairperson Senator Terry Johnson

Ohio State Senate
Armed Service, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee

Dear Chairperson Johnson and Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ohio EMS Chief's Association to express our strong support for House Bill No. 311, which designates the third full week of May as "EMS Week in Ohio." This legislation serves to recognize the critical role that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) play in our communities throughout the state.

Every day, EMS professionals work tirelessly to provide life-saving care in emergencies, ensuring the health and safety of our citizens. Designating a week specifically to honor these dedicated individuals is not only a means of recognition but also an opportunity to raise public awareness about the importance of emergency medical services.

"EMS Week" allows us to celebrate the achievements of EMS personnel and to highlight the challenges they face in delivering care. It serves as a reminder of the compassion, resilience, and commitment exhibited daily by those in the EMS field. Furthermore, it promotes vital discussions about the need for comprehensive support and resources for our EMS workforce, ensuring they can continue to deliver exceptional care.

We believe that this designation will foster community engagement, encourage citizens to learn more about the services provided by EMS, and unite them in appreciation of these essential services. As leaders in emergency health care, we advocate for this recognition and urge its swift passage.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of House Bill No. 311. We appreciate your commitment to supporting our EMS community and enhancing public awareness about the vital role we play in ensuring the health and safety of Ohio's citizens.

Sincerely,

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