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Dear Association Members:

Over the past few days we have received a number of calls concerning our stance in the on-going debate over HB1888 that we felt you, our membership should be made aware of.

We have been advised that an individual representing himself as one of knowledge on our position has been representing to our members and others that OKAMA is "opposed to the funding mechanisms" contained within HB1888. Nothing could be further from the truth and your Board of Directors felt we should make that fact very clear. The opinion of certain individuals regarding our intent is incorrect and OKAMA's record speaks for itself. Please be assured that:

"OKAMA SUPPORTS ALL FUNDING MECHANISMS THAT WILL IMPROVE AND SUPPORT EMS/AMBULANCE SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA."

OKAMA has been very proactive in supporting all funding proposals that have come before the Oklahoma State Legislature and we have worked tirelessly toward HB1888 and numerous other bills and proposals we felt were beneficial to Oklahoma EMS. As an example, OKAMA worked, alongside the Governor's Task Force on EMS Readiness and used the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force Report to create SB1918. This Bill provides up to 2.5 million dollars annually to improve EMS in the State of Oklahoma (now known as the Oklahoma Emergency Medical Response Systems Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund).

As always, should you have any questions on our legislative agenda, please feel free to contact one of your Board members, or in particular Jimmy Johnson, our legislative liaison.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Hawley".

Robert Hawley, President