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Mr. Donald J. Trump President, United States of America 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), please accept our tremendous thanks and deep gratitude for your acknowledgement of the selfless service provided to our sick and injured by our nation's EMS practitioners, serving as emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, and in the military as medics, corpsmen and pararescuemen.

We applaud and appreciate your recognition during your State of the Union address of Staff Sergeant Justin Peck, whose heroic actions saved the life of his comrade, Chief Petty Officer Kenton Stacy, gravely injured during an IED blast, and the paramedics on the scene who saved lives during last year's Congressional baseball game. EMT's and Paramedics from across the country took great pride in having you call out their colleagues for special recognition to our entire nation.

Formed in 1975, NAEMT is the nation's only organization that represents and serves the professional interests of all EMS practitioners, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, and other professionals providing prehospital and out-of-hospital emergent, urgent or preventive medical care. NAEMT's 65,000 members work in all sectors of EMS, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

NAEMT supports the efforts of our Department of Defense to ensure that all of our warriors and medical personnel receive Tactical Combat Casualty Care training before deployment. We work collaboratively with U.S. military bases at home and abroad to conduct this life saving training. NAEMT also works in collaboration with our Department of Homeland Security, the American College of Surgeons, and other national, state and local entities to educate our public on how to save a life until help arrives. We actively participate in the Stop the Bleed initiative by training our communities in basic bleeding control techniques including how to apply a tourniquet and pack a wound. We value and appreciate this public-private partnership and would welcome the opportunity to explore how NAEMT can further support the protection of our nation.

Again, thank you so much for bringing national attention to the outstanding work of our nation's EMS practitioners who care for our sick and injured.

Very sincerely,

Dennis Rowe, EMT-P President, NAEMT