DATE

The Honorable (MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME)

United States Congress

Washington, DC 20510

Dear MEMBER OF CONGRESS,

Ground ambulance service organizations in our communities are struggling financially due to long-standing inadequate Medicare reimbursement exacerbated by the sharp rise in the cost of fuel, supplies, equipment, and in particular, the cost of labor. Our Medicare reimbursement system is further jeopardized by the expiration of the current Medicare add-on payments at the end of 2024. The need for these payments has been supported by the findings of Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports in 2007 and 2012. They have been consistently extended by Congress on a bipartisan basis. Please cosponsor the Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act (S. 1673), introduced by Senators Catherine Cortez Masto, Susan Collins, Debbie Stabenow, and Bill Cassidy, MD.

Ground ambulance service organizations and our paramedics and EMTs are critical front line healthcare providers in all of our nation's communities and in some rural areas, are the only health care provider. Insert Any other personal information about your service / the struggles you are facing.

In addition to S.1673 extending the Medicare add-on payments for three years, this bill would also increase the levels for urban from 2% to 3.4%, for rural from 3% to 4.3% and for super rural from 22.6% 26.2% to help offset the increased cost of providing ground ambulance services. Securing a three-year extension of the Medicare add-on payments at the increased level is critical to our ambulance service organization's ability to provide quality mobile healthcare services to the communities we serve.

On behalf of INSERT ASSOCIATION / COMPANY NAME I urge you to cosponsor S. 1673. I have included a one-pager from the American Ambulance Association for your review as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

INSERT SIGNATURE

Name; Title

Association / Company