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RE: David Blevins

Colleagues,

Mr. Blevins has requested that I write a letter recommending him for a Board Position with the NAEMT and I am pleased to comply with his request. I have known David for over ten years. He was a primary catalyst years ago in encouraging me to step outside of my comfort zone and serve as a regional representative to the NAEMT. Additionally, he is a reliable advocate for Fire and EMS cooperation throughout the United States and has worked with me on several projects to further that initiative. For the past few years, we have worked together on multiple projects and large initiatives in EMS with Congress and other National Associations. Consequently, I believe that I am sufficiently familiar with his work and can provide an informed evaluation. That evaluation is a very positive one for the reasons that are detailed in subsequent paragraphs.

First, David is a great communicator and has demonstrated his talents in my presence to the public, elected officials and audio/visual media. He has the personal confidence and communication style that allows him to successfully speak to a broadly diverse group of people. His overall passion for healthcare and EMS in particular is evident in the communications that I have witnessed—and I consider him a tremendous asset for our industry. David and his programs have become the primary source referenced by EMS professionals across the Country for controversial EMS issues—and his content is trusted.

Second, David is very talented in the leadership and adult education disciplines. While he has a substantial amount of expertise in the clinical side of EMS, the diverse experience he gained in education and advocacy has really given him the opportunity to grow professionally. The interactions that I have had with his agency and other NAEMT members speak to this point. He is a one-of-a-kind leader that truly cares for people delivering medical care in all settings.

Third, I think that the board and our members will enjoy David Blevins as our representative. He is intense and task oriented but interacts effectively with others. He is the type of leader that will do his fair share of work, or more, and do a good job at it. You will see him working alongside your members in a training environment and equally present with the board during the challenging budget or other organizational decisions. His skills and passion are needed today to lead our organization.

In sum, I strongly recommend representing the NAEMT Membership, and I do so without reservation. If questions concerning David should emerge, and if you think that I might provide informative answers to them, please contact me at 509-625-7001 (office) or 509-435-7001 (cell).

Sincerely,

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