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Senator Bob Casey, Representative Susan Wild Receive 2022 NAEMT EMS Legislator of the Year Awards

Clinton, Miss. – Today, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) honored Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and Representative Susan Wild (D-PA) as recipients of the 2022 NAEMT EMS Legislator of the Year Award during the virtual [EMS On The Hill Day](#) Briefing. EMS On The Hill Day is the largest national advocacy event for emergency medical services (EMS) professionals.

This prestigious award recognizes members of Congress who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to, and support of, high-quality prehospital and out-of-hospital emergency medical care, as well as the EMS professionals who dutifully serve our nation’s patients. Senator Casey and Representative Wild are receiving this award for their leadership in introducing the EMS Counts Act of 2021 in both the U.S. House and Senate. This legislation will improve the ability of our states and communities to effectively utilize their EMS workforce to care for the sick and injured and respond to major disasters and public health crises.

[View Senator Casey's Acceptance](#)

“Since the pandemic began, we have seen healthcare practitioners and first responders step up to serve in incredible ways day after day, and it is critical to ensuring the health and safety of our communities that they are counted correctly,” says Rep. Wild. “I am proud to work alongside the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians in re-introducing the EMS Counts Act to right this wrong, and am honored to have earned their Legislator of the Year award.”

NAEMT President Bruce Evans noted, “Both Senator Casey and Representative Wild have worked very hard to support our profession. Accurately counting our EMS workforce across all delivery models is foundational to ensuring access to prehospital care in patients’ time of need, and that resources for EMS practitioners are allocated appropriately. During major disasters and public health crises, reliable EMS workforce data is essential for nimble positioning and response to protect the wellbeing of our nation. NAEMT thanks Senator Casey and Representative Wild for serving as our EMS champions in the Senate and House.”

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 72,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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