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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB857

Greetings,

I am writing today on behalf of Falck Northwest, the organization that provides emergency ambulance service in Salem, Oregon in a public/private partnership with Salem Fire Department.

Falck supports SB 857, otherwise known as the "EMS Compact/REPLICA" Bill. As an international emergency services provider with operations in three US States, Falck has observed and been a participant in States that have passed/joined the EMS Compact/REPLICA system. This system enables Oregon to benefit from properly vetted, out of state emergency medical responders to assist with certain disaster or special event situations where Oregon responders need additional surge capacity. The program also provides a benefit to support military members to provide a clear and timely process for EMS certification.

22 States are already a part of this program - Oregon would benefit from passage of SB 857 as these States have already experienced.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and please reach out to me if I can provide additional information.

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