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I have been a paramedic in Multnomah county for the past 11 years and in EMS for 15 years. I think it would be a step backwards to end a degree requirement in order to fill employment. In Oregon we have some of the most progressive protocols to provide the best care possible to members of our community. It would be a disservice to lower the standard of care to our patients and could potentially result in a lower care being provided to patients due to lack of knowledge and understanding of procedures being provided. By lowering the requirements to fill employment holes you are jeopardizing EMS as a career. Many unions across the state have fought hard to provide a living wage and benefits for paramedics. By lowering the standards and requirements the state is jeopardizing pay and standards for Paramedics. Please do not aid in the diminution of our profession. Would you do the same to RN's to fill in a few spots?