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To: Representative Mike Prax

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Re: Governor's Executive Order #125

With the introduction of the Governor's Executive Order dissolving Alaska Council of EMS (ACEMS) I realize that there is some controversy with that action. I would like to explain some of the reasons behind the move.

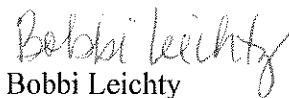
Having been an EMS provider, Instructor, Regional Training Coordinator and Regional Executive Director for over 40 years, I have seen the role that ACEMS played in it's early implementation years. ACEMS was vital to helping guide the development of EMS systems across Alaska. As time has passed, it has become evident that EMS has grown beyond the oversight of what ACEMS can provide.

Currently, ACEMS has robust sub-committees that have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of pre-hospital care and I have been assured that these committees will still exist with the new model under the State's HSS.

This, in my opinion, is an EVOLUTION not necessarily elimination of leadership across the state's EMS communities.

Evolution, although sometimes a bit painful, is also the growth of a system and that is how I interpret the recent move by the Governor's office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.


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