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To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of American Medical Response of Santa Barbara County in support of Susan Roehl and her endeavor to initiate a paramedic program at your establishment. I say this with great anticipation as we, along with the majority of organizations throughout the state, are in a deficit of paramedics. As you know, emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital component in any community and having an adequate quantity of local and well-trained paramedics is CRITICAL to any EMS system.

We are currently in one of the biggest shortages of paramedics that I have seen and are doing everything we can to rectify this dilemma including out-of-the area recruitment along with relocation and sign-on bonuses. This presents many obstacles as those who tend to migrate over for training and experience also have the tendency to migrate back from where they came, leaving our community in a worse off position than before.

We strongly support a paramedic program at your institution with the focus on reducing this shortage by increasing the amount and quality of local paramedics for all agencies.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will assist with fulfilling to include:

- Paramedic Internships in compliance with the State of California and Title 22
- Advisory Committee Representation
- Qualified Instructors in compliance with the State of California and Title 22

We look forward to working with you in eliminating this shortage in our community.

Sincerely,

Dustin Blom
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