



April 15, 2015

Representative Craig Goldman
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768

Re: Support of HB 2722

Dear Rep. Goldman:

On behalf of the Texas EMS Alliance (TEMSA), I am writing to offer our strong support for HB 2722, which would prevent vehicles from resembling an emergency services vehicle. TEMSA was founded in 2013 by a diverse alliance of Texas EMS providers to provide a public policy voice that will enhance the future of EMS in Texas. Today, TEMSA represents over 50 entities that provide EMS services, including city-operated EMS, non-profit entities that provide EMS services to cities and regions, and ambulance companies that provide outsourced EMS services to underserved communities.

The bill will provide important assurances to Texans that when they see what appears to be an ambulance, they are witnessing an actual ambulance that provides emergency medical services. HB 2722 provides important clarifications regarding what markings and features define an ambulance, including the word "ambulance," a star of life trademarked by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a Maltese cross commonly used by fire departments, forward-facing flashing lights, a siren, particular words related to emergencies, and the acronym "EMS" or "MICU."

Thanks again for introducing this important piece of legislation. We look forward to working with you to ensure that HB 2722 passes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dudley Wait".

Dudley Wait, Director – Board of Directors
Texas EMS Alliance