



February 13, 2023

Representative Tina Liebling
Chair, Health Finance and Policy Committee
477 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF474 (Huot) P.O.L.S.T Registry Development Study

Dear Chair Liebling and committee members,

Created in 1960, the Minnesota Ambulance Association is missioned to advance EMS leadership, policy, and practice. We do this by promoting excellence and quality in the ambulance industry through advocacy and strong partnerships with our peers in the hospitals, fire service, law enforcement and others.

I am writing today in support of HF474 (Huot): Provider Orders For Life-Sustaining Treatment Registry Development Study.

We appreciate the recognition of advance care planning as a vital component to a person's health care. Medical orders described on a P.O.L.S.T. form help health care providers provide treatment the patient wants and not provide treatment the patient does not want in the event of an emergency. These orders allow patients to provide guidance about what treatments they would like to receive, and which treatments they do not want to receive, when they can no longer speak for themselves. This scenario is quite common in the pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) world.

The establishment of a Registry to collect and share P.O.L.S.T. forms would give our EMS providers the ability to access the health care decisions of their patients when seconds count and when there is no one there to speak for them. This is a good step toward putting the patient in charge of their care.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to share our support of the study to develop a P.O.L.S.T. registry. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at buck@libbylawoffice.com or 763-213-2645.

Sincerely,

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