



March 14, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Rep. Tina Liebling
Minnesota House of Representatives
477 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: HF2736

Honorable Chair Liebling,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Otsego to encourage the support of the Health Finance and Policy Committee for HF2736 modifying requirements for ambulance services and primary service areas.

The City of Otsego is one of the fastest growing communities in Minnesota. One of the City Council's strategic goals is a commitment to delivery of quality emergency service responsive to community needs and expectations in a cost-effective manner. Meeting community needs for ambulance services is a challenge within the structure of current Primary Service Areas and regulations by the Emergency Medical Service Board that provides little input for the City in the provision of ambulance services or accountability by the providers for areas being served.

To this end, Otsego supports the provisions of HF2736 to:

- Revise Primary Service Areas to correspond with local government unit boundaries.
- Define standards for "response time" and "quality of care".
- Establish performance standards and quality assurance metrics that can be evaluated and considered as part of the license renewal process.
- Provide the City with decision-making authority regarding ambulance service providers during the license renewal processes.
- Require ambulance service providers to provide quarterly report for each primary service area to the local government unit with oversight authority.

Implementation of these reforms for ambulance service delivery will result in improved ambulance services and increased accountability by ambulance service providers to ensure protection of public health safety and welfare for Otsego and all other communities in Minnesota.

Thank you in advance for your and the Health Finance and Policy Committee's consideration of Otsego's comments regarding ambulance services. We appreciate the Committee's support of HF2736 to improve emergency services for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica L. Stockamp".

Jessica L. Stockamp
Mayor
City of Otsego, MN