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Testimony in Favor of Bill 224

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Good morning, Chair Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and esteemed members of the Committee.

Mr. Chair, thank you for holding this hearing on Senate Bill 224.

I support this bill for the following two reasons:

First, as a member of the State EMS Board, I support this legislation to increase the "tools in the toolbox" available to our EMS attendants. These first responders need all the tools available so that they can do their jobs effectively to ensure safety for those they are transporting.

Second, during the 2014 legislative session, SB-320, which was identical to this bill, passed out of committee, was fully debated on the Senate floor, and failed by a single vote. I know that this bill was something that former Senator Jay Emler, who previously served on the State EMS Board, also supported. And I'd appreciate your support as well.

Thank you for your time and attention, and I urge you to support this bill.

Senator Faust-Goudeau 29th District