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January 20, 2021

Senator Caryn Tyson and Assessment and Taxation Committee

Re: Support for SB 21

Chair Caryn Tyson and Senators Holland, Baumgardner, Claeys, Corson, Kerschen, Kloos, and Steffen:

We ask for your consideration and assistance in the support of \$B21, providing Cherokee County the authority to support local EMS through a local sales tax.

As the Service Director of our local ambulance service and property owner in Cherokee County your support of SB21 would be appreciated. Our EMS operation relies on county tax subsidy to serve all of our citizens. This burden has been bore through a property tax for more than forty years. In the last election our county overwhelmingly approved moving the support of EMS services from a property to a sales tax. The concept of spreading the cost of EMS services to a larger segment of our population was understood by our voters as a fairer form of taxation.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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