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Dear Honorable Minister,

RE: Please Return Emergency Medical Service Dispatch to our Commission

Please accept this letter indicating my support for Foothills Regional Emergency Services Commission (FRESC) in its endeavor to restore Ambulance Dispatch to the level of service our communities experienced prior to the consolidation to a centralized system.

The plan to consolidate Ambulance dispatch to a centralized system has been plagued with problems and poor service to Albertans. Residents in my community are suffering the consequences of this poor concept. Our lives and well-being are at risk every day!

The negative results associated with separating Fire-EMS Dispatch, include: poor rural area knowledge, significant emergency response delays and huge gaps in ambulance coverage. We had better service with FRESC and we want it back.

I strongly support allowing the FRESC 911 center to operate as a satellite dispatch center as you have done throughout the province. This will give rural Albertans access to service that equals the excellent level of service afforded to urban Albertans living in Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer and Fort McMurray.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input regarding this important public safety service and how it affects me and my community. I urge you to do the right thing for all Albertans.

Yours truly,

Name and Signature