

March 9, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly,

We are members of the executive board for Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure. Our service members proudly volunteer their time and talents to provide the highest quality of prehospital care to all we serve in the counties of LaMoure, Dickey, Ransom, and Barnes. Not only do our service members take call 24/7, respond to 911 calls, recruit new members, but they also work hard on fundraising efforts and educational opportunities for the community on important safety topics such as CPR, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, AED use, ATV safety, and babysitting training courses.

We are writing in **opposition** of Senate Bill No. 2033, as currently written, which seeks to address the issue of distressed ambulance services in the state of North Dakota.

Overall, we feel this proposal takes away all local control of an ambulance service and there is a lack of clarification on many topics, such as the definition of a distressed service and the cost a service will have to pay the state for assistance.

We understand that there was an issue with a service closing abruptly in the past. Please do not punish all EMS for one unfortunate situation.

We work closely and community effectively with our city and county officials, as well as have a network of support by area services. Let's be able to continue to work together for our communities and keep things local!

We ask that you **oppose** this bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure Executive Board Members

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