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Assistant Deputy Minister McGurn:

The International Association of EMS Chiefs (IAEMSC) recognizes the significant contributions that the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, Canadian national, and various provincial associations have made to the advancement of Paramedicine, not only in Canada, but also internationally. With an unwavering focus on what is best for patients and on patient safety, they continually strive to move the profession forward.

With Community Paramedicine becoming a reality, it is obvious that the need for self-regulation of the profession is the next logical advancement. Self-regulation would not only benefit the Paramedical community and our profession, but would also be of significant benefit in protecting patients.

Therefore, the IAEMSC endorses and supports self-regulation for Ontario's Paramedics.

Sincerely,

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