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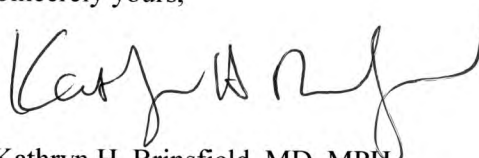
Dear Mr. Reinert:

In December 2013, the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) unanimously adopted its first ever [strategic plan](#) to best support emergency medical services throughout the nation. As you may know, FICEMS has asked our interagency staff to immediately begin working on objectives 2.1, 2.2, 3.3, and 6.3. Today, we seek the advice and recommendations of the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) on how best to implement and update that plan over the next several years. Specifically:

- The plan includes six broad goals and 30 objectives to be implemented over the next five years. Which objectives have the greatest opportunity for short-term implementation with targeted federal support?
 - For these short-term objectives, what tools or information can be used to determine whether an objective has been fully implemented?
- Which objectives can and should be implemented concurrently?
- Considering the next five years, which objectives should be implemented in the short-term and long-term to best improve EMS patient outcomes nationwide?
- Should the strategic plan be updated every five years or more often?
- What suggested process should FICEMS use to update the strategic plan, including the gathering of public input?
- As FICEMS works with its members and other Federal and non-Federal partners to implement the plan, are there suggested additional stakeholders with whom the committee should engage?

We would appreciate responses from the Council, which have been appropriately vetted by the public, in December 2014. Thank you for your continued service to the EMS community and for helping FICEMS member agencies improve their coordinated support of EMS.

Sincerely yours,



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