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Robb Foote
Executive Director
Montana Independent Health Alliance
222 Grandview Way
Missoula, MT 59803

Re: Air Medical Membership Proposed Legislation

Dear Mr. Foote

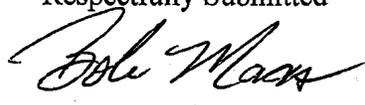
Over the past 45 years of operations in aviation including air medical, Omniflight Helicopters, Inc has emerged a successful leader of patient transport services.

As a provider of air medical transport in Montana, Omniflight is in full support of the proposed membership legislation presented today. This program would benefit the community and the State of Montana by allowing citizens to purchase a membership of their choice that would significantly reduce the cost of air medical transports.

In a recent study published by Biewener et al. (1) a nearly 50% reduction of mortality was demonstrated in patients where air medical transport was utilized. Given the vastness of the State of Montana and the data presented in this study, giving citizens increased access to such a valuable service is commendable and necessary beyond description.

Montana Law Makers can effectively offer constituents the peace of mind that in their most vulnerable time of need, the approval of this bill will give patients the highest opportunity for survival of injury or illness without the undue concern of cost.

Respectfully Submitted



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REFERENCE:

1. Biewener A, Aschenbrenner U, Rammelt S, Grass R, Swipp H. Impact of helicopter transport and hospital level on mortality of polytrauma patients. J Trauma. 2004; 56:94-98.