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Craig A. Hare
Director of EMS & Fire Administration
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
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Dear Mr. Hare,

I am writing to express support for the addition of BLS Ambulance and Stretcher Van services to the emergency transport system. Utilization of BLS Ambulances and Stretcher Vans will improve the efficiency of the hospital discharge process and will help to reduce Emergency Department capacity issues, particularly during season.

The addition of the BLS Ambulance/Stretcher Van service in Pinellas County would be an invaluable component to providing quality patient care to the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Peter Marmerstein

President

HCA - West Florida