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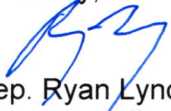
Dear Mr. Laslovich:

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) voted at its meeting today to request that the State Auditor's Office take the lead on putting together a working group to address possible solutions to air ambulance issues that have come before the EAIC using as a starting point the Options paper attached to this e-mail. The EAIC feels that solutions need to come from discussions by the diverse individuals involved. The EAIC suggests that the following membership be reflected in the working group:

- a member of the insurance industry;
- a member representing a self-insured employer;
- a member of an independent air ambulance company;
- a member of an air ambulance company affiliated with or part of a hospital;
- a member of a rural hospital that has an air ambulance or a representative of a rural ambulance cooperative;
- a consumer; and
- a member of the State Auditor's Office to serve as mediator and organizer.

In addition the EAIC asks that the State Auditor's Office contact Sen. Tom Facey, Rep. Vince Ricci, and Rep. Mike Lang regarding working group meeting times because they would like to participate or follow the working group's activities. The EAIC also would like the working group to keep Jim deTienne, whose office licenses air ambulances and is involved in dispatch protocols, informed about the working group's activities. The EAIC would like a report back to the EAIC at its April 14 meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Rep. Ryan Lynch  
Presiding Officer, on behalf of the EAIC

cc: Jim deTienne

Attachment: Options Paper

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