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Hello,

Providing EMS to rural communities has always been a struggle. This is especially difficult in communities where we do not enjoy a large tax base. Providing extra work to providers is counterproductive. It is hard enough to complete all the required paperwork the state requires, adding additional administrative constraints on small rural agencies will make providing ambulance transportation unsustainable for many. Frequently, government policy boards fail to realize the lack of resources available to rural departments. Often, rural agencies have limited staff. This requires personnel to be care providers and managers at the same time. Adding additional reporting requirements or documentation on rural agencies will force some to simply quit providing ambulance services where it is desperately needed the most. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks,

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