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Mr Pulver-

My name is Rick Petrie, and I am the Executive Director of Atlantic Partners EMS Inc, a private, non-profit, charitable organization in Maine. We serve as the Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) office for four of Maine's six EMS Regions, including the Mid-Coast area of the state. Our primary function is to provide educational and administrative resources for the EMS services and hospitals in our catchment area.

I am writing to support the review of the proposal put forth by Arcadia Alliance to establish a commuter ferry service that will also provide appropriate accommodation for the transport of ill or injured patients from the islands to medical care on the mainland. As you know, the current transport arrangements for patients is a hodgepodge of options that are influenced by weather and availability, many times resulting in delayed transport and requiring EMS providers to spend an inordinate amount of time on the phone trying to find someone to move the patient.

I believe that the plan as proposed by Arcadia Alliance would provide tremendous benefit to the EMS services and citizens on our islands.

Thank you for your consideration and, if I can answer any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Petrie, EMT-P
Executive Director