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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing and time-sensitive matter involving the town of Rotterdam.

The town board recently made a decision to open up the bidding process for companies interested in serving as the town's permanent Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider. However, there is a problem. As it stands right now, the two companies do not stand on equal footing.

One company, Rotterdam EMS (REMS) who in one form or another, has served our area for 77 years and currently almost 50 workers, with a mix of full-time, part-time and volunteer workers is at a competitive disadvantage because they do not have a controlled substance license, as the other company does.

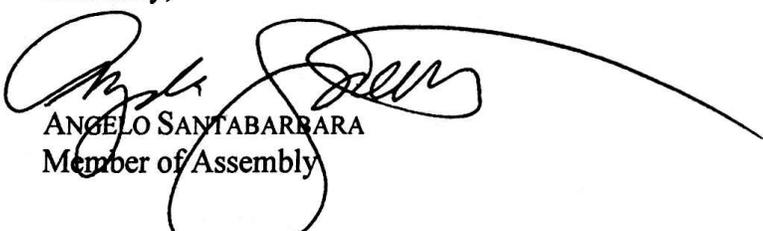
REMS has a history of providing excellent service to Rotterdam families and businesses. It would like to continue providing EMS services and is awaiting a controlled substance license number.

In order to ensure that both parties interested in serving as the town's EMS provider have equal opportunity for the contract, I respectfully request DOH review and approve REMS' application and provide a license number as quickly as possible. REMS will be making their presentation to the town board on December 5th.

The license will provide REMS with an equal playing field in its effort to bid on paramedic services for the town of Rotterdam. Additionally, this certificate will ensure true competition benefit which will help local property taxpayers and ensure that we continue to get the best emergency services possible.

I appreciate your consideration of my request, and I look forward to hearing from you. As always, if you would like to discuss this situation further, please feel free to contact my office at 382-2941.

Sincerely,

  
ANGELO SANTABARBARA  
Member of Assembly

cc: James Clancy, Department of Health