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**Memorandum in Support**  
**Availability of Ambulance Services and Advanced Life Support First Response**  
**Service to Store and Distribute Blood and Initiate and Administer Blood Transfusions**  
**A5789-A (Woerner) /S6226-A (Hinchey)**

The New York American College of Emergency Physicians (NYACEP) represents over 3,000 dedicated emergency medicine physicians committed to speaking out for broad access to quality health care, especially emergency health services for all citizens. NYACEP strongly supports A5789-A (Woerner) /S6226-A (Hinchey). This legislation would permit ambulance services and advanced life support first response services that provide transportation by motor vehicle to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions, as currently authorized for ambulance services that provide transportation by aircraft.

In 2021 in New York, air transport ambulance services became authorized to transfuse blood products to emergency patients in order to resuscitate them during transport. Despite the success of blood transfusions provided through air transport ambulance services, motor vehicle ambulance services remain subject to more onerous regulations. These regulations limit their authority to distribute transfusions to only those patients being transported between hospitals. Motor vehicle ambulance services continue to be prohibited from carrying their own blood products to administer to patients in hemorrhagic shock, which may be required for severe trauma patients when weather prohibits the use of helicopters.

This legislation permits all ambulance services and advanced life support first response services to provide the same blood transfusion services to patients as permitted for air transport ambulance services when such ambulance services meet the same standards as currently set forth in the law. Trauma is the number one cause of death among people under the age of 40 and permitting all ambulances and advanced life support first response services to qualify to transfuse blood products to patients to resuscitate them during transport will result in more saved lives.

**A5789-A (Woerner) /S6226-A (Hinchey) is an expansion to a standard of care that will result in a better chance of survival for patients at risk of hemorrhagic shock. NYACEP respectfully asks the Legislature to support A5789-A (Woerner) /S6226-A (Hinchey) and enable ambulance services and advanced life support first response services to administer blood transfusions during a life and death time.**