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The Honorable William M. Thomas  
Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Thomas,

On behalf of American Medical Response (AMR), I am writing to thank you for your efforts to exclude private lease transactions from the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (HR 4520) and to offer our support for your bill.

As you know, AMR is the nation's largest provider of emergency medical services and medical transportation. AMR maintains 250 community-based operations nationwide and transports more than 4 million patients each year throughout 32 states. We operate a fleet of 4,000 ambulances and other non-medical transportation vehicles and employ more than 18,000 emergency medical technicians, paramedics and other health care professionals, such as physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and physical assistants.

Thanks to the change in the provision affecting leases, our company can continue to provide safe and reliable emergency medical services and medical transportation under contracts with local units of government throughout the country.

We support your legislation and look forward to its passage. Thank you again for your understanding of our business and support of our operations.

Sincerely,

William A. Sanger  
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CC: Greg Nickerson