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Ms. Marie Diglio, Executive Director  
Regional EMS Council of NYC  
475 Riverside Drive – Suite 1929  
New York, NY 10115

**Re: Statement for Public Hearing on October 24, 2023 – Determination of Public Need for Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps Expansion Application**

Dear Ms. Diglio:

Due to work obligations, I cannot attend the scheduled public hearing in person, which would have been my preference. However, I am sending this statement indicating my full support of the application for expansion from Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC).

As a resident and now the elected representative of the 56th Assembly District, I am quite familiar with the essential and excellent services that BSVAC has been providing to the Bedford-Stuyvesant community. The proposed expansion also includes another part of my district, Crown Heights.

BSVAC has been in close contact with me since my election to the NYS Assembly in 2020, keeping me informed of their activities and initiatives, including the proposed expansion. During that time, I have supported their efforts including providing them with state funding to assist with the costs associated with their proposed expansion.

As you are aware, there is a public need for community-based volunteer ambulance service in the proposed expansion area, where current ambulance response times are too long. The expansion of BSVAC's service area will help alleviate the burdens on existing EMS resources available to the community and would, among other things, reduce ambulance response times.

The services provided by BSVAC are provided to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay, which is aligned with BSVAC's mission of "saving lives and changing lives" and my values of providing seamless and stellar

services to our community. BSVAC is a regular active participant in EMS responses, non-emergency assistance, as well as local events and community outreach, providing much needed emergency care and workforce development training, which cannot be replicated by other municipal, commercial and hospital systems without expenditure of considerable resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a statement of support for expanding BSVAC's services into Central Brooklyn. With your support of their application, they can continue to save lives. Please let me know if I can provide further assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefani Zinerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stefani" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zinerman".

Hon. Stefani L. Zinerman  
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