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Governor

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan Executive Committee, I am excited to present the final draft of the July 2012- June 2014 Florida EMS Strategic Plan. A lot of work went into developing this draft and the Executive Committee wants to thank everyone for his or her input and suggestions throughout the process. This was one of the most challenging updates we have attempted due to the fact we were not able to meet as a group as we have in the past to develop this version.

I also want to personally thank Melissa Keahey and Julie Bacon for their devotion and perseverance as we developed the draft plan. They both put in many hours of work to produce the copy you have in front of you today. I can truly say I could not have done it without them.

With that being, said please read the attached draft plan. The EMS Advisory Council will vote on it on Monday, February 20, 2012 by conference call. Any necessary comments and feedback should be submitted to Melissa Keahey no later than close of business Friday, February 3, 2012. Remember this is a draft and while we are voting on the goals and objectives of the plan, there may be some changes in the lead, timeline or a resource to a particular objective as we receive further feedback from all the constituency groups. Any additional changes will be cosmetic to have it properly formatted for the printer. Once it is approved in January, we have a tight timeline to move the plan through the rest of the approval process and complete the layout.

Melissa is working on the "Celebrating Our Successes" section now. We are asking each constituency group to submit their final action plans so we can create a high level report that must be submitted to the Surgeon General's office. It is imperative that we get these reports submitted as soon after the January meetings in Daytona as possible. This enables us to not only add this to the new plan but create the full high level report that is required.

If all goes well this legislative session the new plan will be a 5-year plan and we will not have to address an update for the next four years. Again thank you for your continued support in making the Florida EMS Strategic Plan one of the best and most comprehensive plans in the nation.

If you should have any comments or suggestions please forward them to Melissa Keahey at melissa_keahey@doh.state.fl.us by no later than close of business Friday, February 3, 2012 or you may reach her by telephone at 850.245.4440 ext 2686.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory S. Richter".

Cory S. Richter

Florida EMS Strategic Visions Committee Chairman