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# Southwest

## AMBULANCE

NEVADA

February 19, 2003

State of Nevada Legislature  
Committee on Judiciary  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, NV

**Re: Support of AB53**

Dear Committee:

We are writing this letter in strong support for AB53 on behalf of our more than 150 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics that serve the public in Clark County. Our EMS care providers are proud to respond to people in their time of need and routinely place themselves in harm's way to serve the community.

Nevada Revised Statutes 200.471 currently, and appropriately, provides consequences for an individual who assaults a police or a firefighter. Even though our staff is working directly with these police and firefighters on the same patients and on the same incidents, if our personnel are assaulted they do not share the same legal protection that our allied agencies receive. This oversight should be corrected.

Southwest Ambulance believes that all healthcare providers deserve the same level of protection currently provided by NRS 200.471 and supports the amendments made in AB53.

Sincerely,



John Wilson  
Executive Partner



Sharon Henry  
Executive Partner