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Via Electronic Mail

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer:

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is writing to express our opposition to the repeal of rule .0203.

EBCI opposes the repeal of rule .0203 for the following reason. If repealed, Cherokee Tribal EMS System, currently approved by the OEMS, will become invalid since rule .0201 specifically states that only a 'county government' shall develop an EMS System. Only by retaining rule .0203 in its current form can the EBCI continue the oversight and management of tribal resources without having to fall under local county governmental control. Since there have been no issues in the years since initial system approval, it is the position of the EBCI that repeal serves no useful purpose. If the agency agrees with our request to retain rule .0203, the only change we view as necessary is to revise the skill levels currently contained in this rule (EMT-I or EMT-P) to reflect the new levels reflected with the other proposed rule revisions (AEMT or Paramedic).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or need assistance in any way, please feel free to contact Mr. Anthony Sequoyah, Secretary of Public Safety at (828) 736-0885.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lambert
Principal Chief
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cc: Anthony Sequoyah, Secretary of Public Safety
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