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Greetings,

I am reaching out to you all to ask that you expedite the CON (Certificate of Necessity) for Central Arizona Fire and Medical in Northern Arizona.

The current response times are detrimental to victims of medical emergencies such as cardiac arrest, strokes, and more. When trained in the medical profession one learns that there are vital windows of care in which a person must be treated depending on the event. While not everyone understands the medical profession nor the idiosyncrasies of it, I am calling on all of you to do your due diligence in providing Central Arizona Fire and Medical the tools and resources needed to serve the community.

We all understand that the circumstances of the past few years have changed the way we function and respond. However, we must still move forward with positive solutions and not be sidetracked by unrealistic data from those that wish to shadow facts with opinions.

There is a duty to look at the facts, the global picture, the lives lost or compromised and there is a time to do the right thing which is now.

I ask, on behalf of Central Arizona Medical and Fire and as a community member, that you provide our public servants the tools that they need to save lives. Their oath is to do no harm and protect what is savable and to do this, there must be resources and support.

I challenge you to take a step back and evaluate the value of life over popularity.

I challenge you to rise as leaders against those that are profit driven and not patient driven.

I challenge you to look at your family and imagine them gasping for their last breath while reaching out to you with a pale white hand and blood seeping from their mouth as their heart stops from traumatic injury.

I challenge you to visit the morgue and see a cold, lifeless child, robbed of their future as they lay there with a sewn thoracic cavity that is filled with fluid and matter to make them appear whole to their parents that are screaming in agony in the waiting room.

I challenge you to spend 1 12-hour rotation at a fire station and watch the horror of someone that can feel their life bleed out from a gunshot wound to the stomach causing all functions to slowly shut down and their expression when they realize that their bowels have emptied in front of a crowd.

I challenge you to take a tour of Central Arizona Medical and Fire and talk to the first responders that have held the body of an 89-year-old female as she has cried herself into exhaustion in the arms of a firefighter because her spouse of 51 years died on the floor, stripped of his dignity, while medics worked to save him from cardiac arrest.

I challenge you to do the right thing.

The community will rally and support Central Arizona Medical and Fire because they are fulfilling their call and duty to save lives.

They are not profit driven.

They are not selfish.

They are not ignorant.

They are an organization of highly trained individuals that see the value in a life, that have made the conscious decision to serve others, and to do what it takes to ensure each person is more than another statistic.

Empower our first responders to save lives.

Thank you,

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