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Call to Action - Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments

There is only a narrow opportunity before the provincial election for municipal governments to get legislated protection from arbitrators imposing fire medic pilots or programs on unwilling municipalities. This legislative opportunity is having this protection included in the upcoming Budget Bill expected in March or April 2018.

Bill 160, the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act*, is now law without the legislative amendments AMO and its members demanded to be included. The Province may assume that this issue has gone away with the legislation now in place.

It has not and now the risk is more dire. We need your voice now to secure these legislative changes before the House rises this spring. The window for any new legislation is closing soon – the Budget Bill is likely our last chance.

Please review and support the attached draft resolution. Please send it immediately to the Premier, and copy the Ministers and your local MPP. (See e-contacts below that will help you do this).

Your strong voice and support on this significant issue is needed and welcome.

Who to send resolution to:

- a. Office of the Premier, [Honourable Kathleen Wynne](#)
- b. Minister of Health and Long Term Care, [Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins](#)
- c. Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, [Honourable Marie-France Lalonde](#)
- d. Minister of Labour, [Honourable Kevin Flynn](#)
- e. Minister of Municipal Affairs, [Honourable Bill Mauro](#)
- f. Your local MPP
- g. AMO, [AMO President](#).

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