



# Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island

Town Hall ▪ 180 High Street ▪ Wakefield, RI 02879

[jwegimont@southkingstownri.gov](mailto:jwegimont@southkingstownri.gov)

[www.southkingstownri.gov](http://www.southkingstownri.gov)

Tel (401) 789-9331 x1239

Jay G. Wegimont  
Town Council Member

**March 10, 2026**

The Honorable Melissa A. Murray  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Rhode Island State Senate, 82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair Murray and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of **Senate Bill S-2685**, which would allow ambulance services to receive reimbursement for emergency medical care provided when a patient is treated but not transported to a hospital.

As a Town Councilor in the Town of South Kingstown, I have seen firsthand the extraordinary work our emergency medical services professionals perform every day. EMS personnel are often the first to respond when residents experience medical emergencies, providing critical care in situations that range from life-threatening incidents to assisting elderly residents who may need help after a fall or medical episode.

Under current reimbursement structures, EMS providers are frequently only reimbursed when a patient is transported to the hospital. However, in many cases EMS professionals provide significant on-scene medical care even when a transport is ultimately not necessary. When this occurs, the service still incurs the full cost of personnel, equipment, and response, yet receives no reimbursement.

This legislation recognizes the evolving role of EMS in modern healthcare and would allow providers to be reimbursed for treatment provided in the field. Doing so would support the long-term sustainability of emergency medical services while also allowing EMS personnel to make patient-centered decisions without unnecessary hospital transports.

I also want to recognize the leadership of **South Kingstown EMS Chief Craig Stanley and Captain Frank Capaldi**, who have been actively engaged in this issue and understand firsthand how reimbursement gaps impact local emergency medical systems. Our EMS professionals are essential public servants who respond at all hours to protect the health and safety of our residents. Providing a fair reimbursement structure for the care they deliver is a reasonable and necessary step to support this critical service.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation and for your continued support of emergency medical services across Rhode Island.

Jay G. Wegimont  
South Kingstown Town Councilor