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Dear Council Members:

I strongly oppose to resolution 13-158, CD1; there is no need for a second private ambulance company. I've worked for a private ambulance company International Life Support and currently American Medical Response as an Administrative Manager for 30 years.

There have been no facts or data provided to show the need for a 2nd ambulance service. Recently, there have been 3 applicants for a Certificate of Need for ground ambulances. Not one SHPDA CON hearing panel voted in favor of approval.

The AMR contracted price for an ambulance, in fact, can save the City \$500k /year for a 24/7 ALS unit. AMR contract unit provides 10 hours per day / 7 days a week. This unit averages about (5) calls at a cost of \$250 per call which less than State billed rate of \$870.00.

I truly believe AMR is meeting this need and adding value. We have the resources and the man power available to ADD units if necessary to back up the City & County of Honolulu.

Thank you,

Anna Paro
Administrative Manager