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L.A. City Chair, Heather Hutt
L.A. City Vice Chair, Traci Park
L.A. City Council Member, Eunisses Hernandez

Subject: CF #25-0853

We are writing on behalf of the Union Members of United Steelworker Local 12911 to urge the members of the Transportation Committee about an item that will be on an upcoming committee agenda - **approving the CAO's recommendations that the Council adopt an ordinance approving Board Order 611 which was unanimously approved by the Board of Transportation Commissioners in February 2025.** This Board Order amends the rates charged by private ground ambulance services in the City of Los Angeles and establishes a new methodology for future rate adjustments.

Ground ambulances provide non-911 service between hospitals in the City and other medical centers or other facilities. These fees are never paid by the City or residents, but are paid by the patients' insurance or the providers are paid federally regulated rates under a different system by Medicare or Medi-Cal.

Private Ambulance services also provide backup emergency services for 911 as well as disasters (like the fires earlier this year) and are a critical component to the overall healthcare infrastructure in Los Angeles.

We strongly urge you to make the new rates in the ordinance effective immediately upon adoption of the ordinance to the approval of Board Order 611 by the Transportation Commission. The significant delay in approving these new rates has prevented a much-needed wage increase for our members for nearly 3 years. USW members who are EMTs and Paramedics should not be punished because it has taken 6 months to even discuss the Transportation Commission's report. Our members can't wait any longer for wage increases. We urge you to approve these new rates as soon as possible and thank you for your support to our industry.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter,

Lee Almeida, TEMSA President
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