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Opponents of Prop 11 Make False & Misleading Claims, Put Emergency Medical Care at Risk

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, the Yes on 11 – Californians for Emergency Preparedness and Safety committee issued a response to the false and misleading information being spread by opponents of Proposition 11 at their rally on the State Capitol steps.

Statement by Marie Brichetto, spokesperson for the Yes on Proposition 11 campaign:

"For decades, it has been standard practice for emergency response personnel like police, fire, EMTs and paramedics to remain on-call during work breaks. Prop 11 would simply allow this practice to continue and ensure EMTs and paramedics receive extra pay if breaks are missed due to an emergency. If the protestors got their way, they would prevent private EMTs and paramedics, but not public EMTs and paramedics, from responding to emergencies while on break, even if they are the closest available ambulance. The false claims made today are putting vital emergency medical care in jeopardy."

Prop 11 is a common sense measure that will ensure lifesaving medical care will be available when a patient calls 9-1-1. That is why Prop 11 has received endorsements from 24 of California's major newspapers, law enforcement, local government, senior citizens taxpayers and many in the emergency medical services profession. Notably, no opposing argument was submitted to the Secretary of State's office for the Voter Information Guide, which has already been mailed to voters.

Prop 11 does two things:

- First, it requires that private EMTs and paramedics continue to be paid to be on-call during breaks and guarantees that they receive extra pay for missed breaks in case they are called to an emergency.
- Second, it ensures that the closest ambulance can respond when a patient calls 9-1-1.

In an emergency, seconds can be the difference between life and death. For more information, visit: www.YESon11.org.

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