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Board of Commissioners,

First and foremost, we want to express to everyone that the Morrow County Health District Board of Directors are firmly committed to providing equitable access to medical services for all the residents across the entire health district.

In that vein we have continually supported the efforts of our executive staff to engage in discussions with Boardman Fire Rescue District to resolve the issues around who provides what ambulance service.

We also strongly encouraged and advocated for a mediation process between the two agencies. This needs to happen in order to build strength back into our communities and county. What we **did not** advocate for was the atmosphere of verbal harassment that has developed over the last few months and has continued during the first two sessions of mediation and has resulted in continued attacks towards both the mediator and MCHD staff...

We will continue to support true mediation and efforts to resolve this conflict over ambulance services as we do have the best interests of Morrow County residents at heart. What we cannot support is the ongoing unprofessional and unethical behavior coming from other agencies.

We respectfully request that we step back from the current process and that the BOC task both Morrow County Health District and Boardman Fire Rescue District to engage their attorneys in identifying a mutually agreeable mediator to continue this process following standard mediation protocols. To continue the current process and to allow individuals to overrun the meetings and sabotage efforts with their personal agendas does not serve anyone in Morrow County.

On behalf of MCHD Board of Directors,

Marie Shimer Ed.D
Board Chairperson

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