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Resolution:

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Subject: Principles Regarding the Environment

Type: Addition to Principles

WHEREAS it has been long-since known that road transportation is a significant source of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change. [1]

WHEREAS public health impacts due to climate change and extreme weather events, increasing number of wildfires, and variations in levels of air pollutants are projected to increase. [2]

WHEREAS it has been found that the United States consumes more gasoline than any other country, and over ten times more than the second highest consumer. [3]

WHEREAS it has been found that there were over 30 million ambulatory patient transports in 2019 in 34 U.S. states alone that reported data. [4]

WHEREAS it has been found that approximately 80% of emergency medical services (EMS) energy burden, or expenditures related to energy costs, is vehicle fuels. [5]

WHEREAS it has been found that life-cycle emissions over the lifetime of electric vehicles registered today in the United States are already lower than a comparable gasoline car by 60%–68%. [6]

WHEREAS it has been found that the air pollutants emitted by vehicles are associated with asthma, high blood pressure, lung cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and premature deaths. [7,8,9,10,11,12]

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles Regarding the Environment (pg. 127-129) be **AMENDED BY ADDITION** to state:

1. **SUPPORTS** the investment and use of electric-powered EMS vehicles.
2. **OPPOSES** the continued investment and use of gas-powered EMS vehicles.

Fiscal Note: None

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