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Mr. Jeff Gaspin
Chairman, NBC Universal Television Entertainment
420 S Grand Ave Rm 501
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Dear Mr. Gaspin:

I am writing you as Chair of the EMS Section for the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The International Association of Fire Chiefs represents the leadership of over 1.2 million firefighters and emergency responders.

We write you to express our deep and sincere displeasure with the television show, *Trauma*. The portrayal of paramedics as having sex in the back of the ambulance, being sexist against the female gender, performing medical procedures outside the standard of care, among the many other disingenuous depictions was unwarranted.

The show is an injustice to the many professionals who work in emergency medical services and dedicate themselves to the preservation of life each and everyday in the United States. Equally of concern is how the general public who watched will view these professionals.

I would ask that either the show be cancelled or modified to accurately portray the sacrifice of those who perform emergency medical services to comfort and treat those who have suffered a serious trauma or illness.

If you choose to modify the television show to truthfully and accurately describe the professionalism of our vocation to other people in their time of need, we can certainly lend our expertise.

Yours in service,

Gary Ludwig
Chair, EMS Section
International Association of Fire Chiefs