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Senator Lea Webb Secures \$150,000 for Chenango Ambulance Services in Broome County

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Binghamton, NY – Today, Senator Lea Webb announced the allocation of \$150,000 in state funds to enhance the critical services provided by Chenango Ambulance Services Inc. This significant investment will enable the department to purchase a new ambulance, bolstering its operational capabilities and underscoring Senator Webb's commitment to public safety and support for first responders in her district.

"I am thrilled to have secured this significant funding for a new ambulance for Chenango Ambulance Services Inc.," **said Senator Lea Webb.** "Quality transportation equipment is vital for our rural non-profit volunteer ambulance service agencies to continue their exemplary life-saving services. Investing in our first responders is crucial for public safety, and this funding will enhance the department's operational and training capabilities. I am proud to support the emergency response department and their unwavering dedication to protecting our residents."

Said Sydney Tse, President of Chenango Ambulance Services Inc.,"On behalf of everyone at Chenango Ambulance Services, I would like to thank Senator Lea Webb for her efforts in securing funding that will allow us to purchase a new ambulance. This new ambulance will allow us to continue to provide high-quality emergency medical services to the residents of the Town of Chenango and surrounding communities. Without Senator Webb's support and efforts, the acquisition of this new ambulance would not have been possible. Our agency is grateful for Senator Webb's continued support of EMS services."

The funds secured by Senator Webb will be used to acquire a Medix Type III ambulance from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists. The current fleet of Chenango Ambulance Services Inc. consists of vehicles averaging 13 years old, prone to frequent failures, and requiring costly repairs and often spend weeks out of service. The new ambulance will ensure the department can reliably provide lifesaving services while enhancing patient and provider safety.

The Type III ambulance, with its increased horsepower and weight, will also significantly improve the department's response capabilities on snow-covered roads and steep driveways during winter. The gasoline engine of the Type III ambulance is more cost-efficient and less expensive to repair than diesel engines, providing further financial relief to the department. Additionally, the larger capacity of the Type III ambulance is ideal for the department's role

as a teaching agency, accommodating larger crew sizes from the community and surrounding colleges.

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