



March 22, 2021

The Honorable Frank Pallone
U.S. House of Representatives
Chairman, Committee on Energy and
Commerce
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
U.S. House of Representatives
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and
Commerce
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

The [Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition](#) writes to express our support for the introduction of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Act of 2021 as part of the LIFT America Act.

The Coalition, consisting of the National Sheriffs' Association, Major County Sheriffs of America, Major Cities Chiefs Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, National Association of State EMS Officials, and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International all strongly support this NG 9-1-1 legislation.

Even though 9-1-1 systems are critical infrastructure in every community, they are underfunded and technologically inadequate to address the needs and expectations of the American people in the 21st Century. While 9-1-1 operations are state and local functions, the investment of federal resources in this critical infrastructure will ensure that all communities in the United States, be they rural, urban, or tribal, will have a secure, resilient, interoperable, and reliable way of receiving, processing, and responding to requests for emergency assistance.

Our organizations will work to ensure strong bipartisan support for this important and historic provision of the legislation. In this regard, we would respectfully ask that you share this letter with the members of the Committee. We look forward to working closely with you and your offices to ensure ultimate passage and help build the capacity of our nation's first responders to serve and protect all communities across America.

We appreciate your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Members of the Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition:

International Association of Fire Chiefs
Major County Sheriffs of America
National Association of State EMS Officials
Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association
Association of Public Safety Communications Officials – International

Major Cities Chiefs Association
National Sheriffs Association
International Association of Chiefs of Police