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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer:

The Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition represents the leadership of many of America's major law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, and public safety communications associations. This coalition formed over two years ago to advocate for a once-in-a-generation investment to modernize our nation's aging 9-1-1 infrastructure. Next Generation 9-1-1 technology will make emergency responses faster and more efficient, first responders and communities safer, and allow public safety professionals to meet the needs and expectations of the American people in the 21st Century. With your leadership, the United States Congress is close to delivering a critical piece of public safety infrastructure that benefits all Americans equally.

We respectfully request that you support \$15 billion for Next Generation 9-1-1 in reconciliation to ensure it can be deployed throughout the country in an effective, efficient, and secure manner and to enable implementation training nationwide. While 9-1-1 operations are traditionally a state and local function, the investment of federal resources in this critical infrastructure will ensure that all communities in the United States -- be they rural, urban, suburban, or tribal -- will have a secure, resilient, interoperable, and reliable way of receiving, processing, and responding to requests for emergency assistance. The \$15 billion funding amount would ensure all communities can be supported to achieve the best outcome and help first responders carry out their life-saving missions.

The coalition appreciates this critical one-time federal commitment to fund this nationwide transition to NG-911 and respects the need to ensure that federal funds are expended in the most efficient and cost-effective way. We are motivated by what is needed by members of our communities as well as public safety professionals as they carry out their missions to serve and protect the public every day.

Thank you for your support of public safety and your engagement with the Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition. Please direct any questions to Captain Mel Maier, Oakland County (MI) Sheriff's Department, at maierm@oakgov.com.

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