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Dear Mr. Verbil,

It is my understanding that the State of CT is currently reviewing the Regional Communication Center funding formula. I believe the current formula is not equitable for all Regional Centers and would like to comment on specific items noted in your letter dated May, 28, 2013.

Item	Comment
#25	"Pools." Any measure that closes the gap between highly funded and under-funded centers should be considered. The number of municipalities served should be considered. However, call volume and population should hold a higher value in the formula.
#26	The c1 value should not be eliminated from our formula. However, should hold a lesser value.
#27	"Pure Bracketing." This deserves further consideration as it would alleviate the current devastation caused by the departure of one town from a regional center. This causes a loss of State funding, loss of regular income from the municipality fee and an increase to the remaining member municipalities.
#28	"Remove Boroughs." Agree to remove.
#29	"Remove Special Districts." Agree to remove.
#30	"Place Higher Value on Number of 9-1-1's." More weight should be places on the number of calls handled as well as the population being served.
#31	"Remove c2 value." Highly disagree. Removing the c2 value for Resident Trooper towns with significantly impact all of the existing Regional Communication Centers. Removing this value is NOT an option.
#32	"Penalize Municipalities that Transfer Calls." This option should not be considered.
#33	"Phase in Funding Changes." It is imperative to implement funding increases immediately. Phasing in reductions in funding deserves further consideration.

Our municipality is currently a member community of Northwest CT Public Safety Communication Center which serves as our Primary Public Safety Answering Point and dispatch center. As the town CEO, I encourage you to restructure the Regional Communication Center funding formula to make it more equitable for all Regional Centers.

Respectfully,


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Chief Elected Official Municipality

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Date