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DSET Docket No. 13-01

In response to the notice of Proposed Regulatory Change, DEST Docket No. 13-01, I am writing in **OPPOSITION** to a proposed revision of the formula that determines the subsidy provided to Regional Emergency Communications Centers. This proposal is inconsistent with prior public policy and would greatly impact Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications (QVEC), our regional dispatch center.

QVEC provides high-quality, critical services to our region. Public safety must remain the priority. Our regional center has proven to be efficient and effective however the proposed regulatory change will reduce QVEC's revenues by over \$165,000 a year. This will result in significant increased charges to our towns and ultimately our local taxpayers.

QVEC serves a large number of small towns in our northeast corner. These towns and their residents would have an unfair cost burden put upon them. Regionalization has been promoted as a cost-savings option. Our municipalities should not bear additional costs due to regionalization as it is contradictory to the intent.

I strongly encourage the DSET to reconsider this proposed change and consider the intent of the legislature when assessing the impact of this proposal.

Respectfully,

Rep. Christine Rosati
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