TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Catherine Iino, *First Selectwoman*

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DSET Docket No. 13-01
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support the proposed changes to regulations pertaining to the funding of regional public safety answering points.

Killingworth is a member of Valley Shore Emergency Communications, which is crucial to the safety and welfare of our townspeople. This is one of the many ways in which Killingworth has attempted to fulfill local government functions efficiently through appropriate regionalization.

For a number of years, however, owing to inequities in the funding formula, Valley Shore has been receiving far less support from the 9-1-1 Telecommunication Fund than other call centers with similar populations and response numbers. As a result, Valley Shore has been unable to make the technological improvements that would allow it to operate with maximum effectiveness and efficiency. Meanwhile, increased costs strain our budget each year.

I urge you to correct the disparities in funding under the current formula by approving the regulatory change proposed on May 28, 2013 (DSET Docket Number 13-01) without alteration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Iino

cc: Commissioner Dora Scriro
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