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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, CT 06457

RE: DSET Docket No. 13-01

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide our endorsement of the proposed changes to regulations for funding of regional public safety answering points (PSAPs). The 2011 L.R. Kimball consulting study identified irrefutable funding disparities which lead the State 9-1-1 Commission, through subcommittee review and recommendation, to agree that the formula should be modified to make it equitable and subsequently referred it to DSET for regulatory change.

The Town of Killingworth is fortunate to have partnered with Valley Shore Emergency Communications, Inc (VSECI) as its PSAP for over 30 years. During this time we've been active participants in their Board of Directors, supporting their growth / addition of towns and services to the point of becoming arguably the premier regional dispatch center in Connecticut. Unfortunately the infrastructure required for this growth, and the costs to maintain it, have been funded primarily by the member towns. This inequity became even more apparent after reviewing the results of the Kimball study.

It is our desire to create an even playing field for all regional dispatch centers with an equitable and consistent funding formula that incents continued regionalization. The formula modification endorsed by State 9-1-1 Commission will address this issue in a manner which is fair to all impacted and will allow every regional centers the ability to provide the highest level of service to their member towns.

In closing, exhaustive effort on the basis for this formula has concluded that this change is justified. Because this results in no financial increase to the State of CT but simply a reallocation of existing funding levels we strongly urge that this regulation be moved to the Regulatory Committee unchanged.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard A. Bauer".

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