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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:

I appreciate the efforts to look at a fair and objective funding formula for our regional safety answering points. I would like to comment in strong support of the proposed changes to regulations pertaining to the funding of these centers. It is clear that irrefutable funding disparities exist based on the findings of the 2011 L.R. Kimball consulting study.

Old Lyme is a member of Valley Shore Emergency Communications, where we have enjoyed excellent service, but at an increased burden to our budget. For this reason, VSEC has been successful in becoming more efficient and cost-effective, but there are still some unmet needs. Our service area is very busy due to the inclusion of I-95 and Rte. 9 traveling through so many of our member towns. Despite the high call numbers, VSEC has received less support than other centers due to the formula.

I urge you to continue your efforts to correct the inequities and approve the regulatory change proposed on May 28, 2013 (DSET Docket Number 13-01).

Sincerely,

Bonnie A. Reemsnyder
First Selectwoman

Cc: Commissioner Dora Schriro
Senator Paul Formica
Representative Devin Carney