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March 12, 2015

The Honorable Dora B. Shriro  
Commissioner, DESPP  
Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications  
1111 Country Club Road  
Middletown, CT 06457

RE: DSET Docket No. 13-01

Dear Commissioner Schriro,

I urge the Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications to keep the present funding mechanism for Regional Emergency Communications Centers intact. Proposed changes will alter the method for calculating regional PSAP subsidies, fold current budgeted capital grant funds allocated to regional PSAPs into the new regional PSAP subsidy formula, and remove municipality counts from subsidy calculations.

As a result, Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications Center will lose over \$165,000 in revenue a year. Similarly, Emergency Communications Centers in Tolland and Litchfield Counties will lose nearly \$660,000 in revenue a year.

The proposed changes are targeting the largest and most efficient Regional PSAPs in Connecticut. Centers in Quinebaug, Tolland and Litchfield Counties, for example, serve 30% of the towns in the state and 326,486 residents. Changes should be directed toward the large number of small, inefficient PSAPs. These are the centers that breed excessive cost and a lower level of service.

If the state were intent on promoting cost effectiveness, it would bend its efforts toward studying and implementing some means of consolidating the small PSAPs. In the past, Connecticut's PSAP subsidy policy encouraged nearly 44% of the state's municipalities to regionalize their dispatching functions. DSETs current proposals would thwart these efforts and back pedal on these accomplishments.

Once again, I urge the Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications to maintain the present funding mechanism for Regional Emergency Communications Centers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Alberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Alberts  
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