



State of Connecticut
Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr.
President Pro Tempore

November 20, 2014

Commissioner Dora B. Schriro
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457

RE: Notice of proposed regulatory change (DSET Docket No. 13-01)

Dear Commissioner Schriro:

I am writing to you to express concerns about the proposed regulatory change to the PSAP subsidization formula. The original purpose of the subsidy for consolidation of PSAPs was to encourage consolidation and streamlining of operations. Over the years, several PSAPs have consolidated accordingly. The proposed regulatory change could remove some incentives for certain towns to join regional centers.

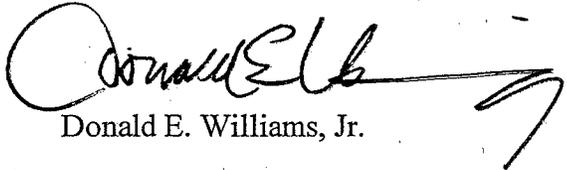
The new funding proposal (DSET Docket No. 13-01) would eliminate the consideration given to the number of municipalities served by the consolidated PSAPs. Litchfield County Dispatch (LCD) and Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications (QV) are the consolidated PSAPs that would be most affected by the change. These centers could lose several hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding.

QV and LCD have relied on their funding levels for many years. A decrease in this subsidy would require an increase in payments from the municipal members. With Connecticut's municipalities already struggling with small budgets, this additional burden would be unreasonable.

Although I understand the goal of changing the funding formula to emphasize the call volume and population served, I urge you to draft regulations that would maintain the current funding levels for QV and LCD. These regional PSAPs have been operating under the formula for approximately 15 years, and have reasonably relied on the subsidies that have encouraged these

centers to grow. I do recognize that DSET operates with a very small budget. As such, any future additions to these regionals could be subject to a different subsidy calculation, so long as current levels are maintained.

Sincerely,

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Donald E. Williams, Jr.

Cc: William Youell, Director, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications, DESPP