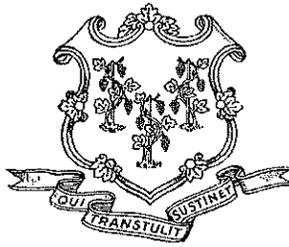


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**RE: DSET Docket No. 13-01**

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose changes to the to the subsidy formula proposed by DSET for regional Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). This proposal is unfair to the small towns that have worked diligently to create functional and efficient consolidated PSAPs, including two that serve many of the towns I represent.

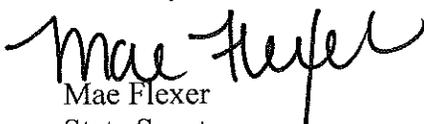
The Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications (QVEC) center and the Tolland County Mutual Aid center combined serve a total of 29 municipalities in eastern Connecticut. These PSAPs are consistent with the original intent of the subsidies created by the legislature, which was to encourage small PSAPs to regionalize operations in order to improve services while reducing costs.

The proposed changes would result in dramatic subsidy reductions to large consolidated PSAPs like QVEC and Tolland. For QVEC, this means reduced revenues of over \$165,000 per year, increasing costs for towns and ultimately taxpayers while likely impairing critical emergency services.

It seems counterintuitive to disadvantage these larger PSAPs, as well as the small towns that they serve. It's likely the changes will actually be a disincentive to any further consolidation of smaller PSAPs, which is directly counter to the original intent of the subsidies.

I urge you to reconsider these proposed changes, and I thank you for your careful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mae Flexer  
State Senator