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DSET - Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457

DSET Docket No. 13-01

I am submitting comments in opposition to the proposed changes to the 911 call receipt centers formula. The new formula would have a very severe negative impact on our small communities, including for example the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service and the Quinebaug Valley emergency communications (QVEC).

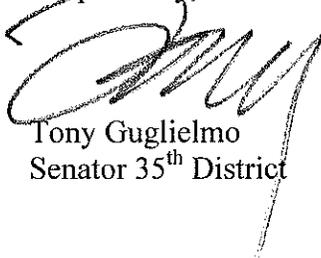
QVEC said they will lose and estimated \$165,000 under the new changes and Tolland County estimates there shortfall at between \$77,000 and \$417,000. Any decrease in funding would impact these services negatively.

Overall the proposed change to the regulations would add thousands of dollars to the cost of the dispatch centers and result in increased cost for the local citizens.

Our small towns are already very hard-hit by the economy and this would be just another blow to an already difficult situation. You couple this suggested regulation change with the legislative proposal to switch the entire cost of the resident state trooper program to small towns and this will result in a detrimental effect to taxpayers. The cost of providing adequate public safety for our citizens will skyrocket.

As the Ranking Member of the Public Safety Committee, I have grave concern about this proposed cut in the 911 funding.

Respectfully,



Tony Guglielmo
Senator 35th District