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DSET Docket 13-01

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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Middletown, CT 06457

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

Dear Sirs:

I write this letter in opposition to the proposed change to regulations that the Department of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications has submitted that would greatly modify the funding formula regarding the 911 Fund.

Excessive cost, reduced efficiency and the possibility of lower service levels in Connecticut are problems for municipalities related to the large number of small, inefficient PSAPs. Similarly the highly fragmented nature of this service increases costs and complexity to the State's government. Why propose to reduce the subsidies of the largest and most efficient Regional PSAPs while not attempting to remedy the longstanding real problem of too many small and inefficient PSAPs?

The large Regional PSAPs at Litchfield County, Tolland County and Quinebaug Valley serve 30% of Connecticut's towns. For two decades they have done exactly what Connecticut asked by creating large regional 9-1-1 Centers that minimize costs to the municipalities they serve and to the State for providing service to many municipalities through three PSAPs. Why should subsidy funds be diverted from them to smaller, less efficient centers that serve less than half the number of towns and around half the number of residents?

Tolland County Mutual Aid serves 15 towns, Stafford being one of them. Reduced funding will result in an increased financial burden to the Municipalities they serve.

Please reconsider a change to these regulations that would modify the funding formula.

Sincerely,

Richard Shuck  
First Selectman