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DSET Docket 13-01
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed revision to the formula that determines the subsidy provided to Regional Emergency Communications Centers and Large Municipal Public Safety Answering Points.

The three largest regional PSAPs (Quinebaug Valley, Tolland County and Litchfield County) serve 30% of the towns in the state. The proposal targets these three Regional Emergency Communication Centers for subsidy reductions of nearly \$660,000 a year. The subsidy for the Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications will be reduced by approximately \$165,000. The reduction will result in an increased charge by more than 75% to the municipalities it serves. The proposal to reduce the subsidies of the largest and most efficient Regional PSAPs in favor of increasing funding for smaller, less efficient operations will only hurt the participating municipalities of the regional PSAPs. It does not attempt to remedy the real problem of too many small and inefficient PSAPs.

I encourage you not to change the current formula for calculating the subsidy for the Regional Multi-town PSAPs. DSET should focus its efforts on further consolidation of the small and inefficient PSAPs and not penalize the municipalities that have already regionalized.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Allan D. Walker, Jr.

First Selectman
Town of Woodstock