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Chair Mary Ridder and Commissioners  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street, Suite 300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 911 Service System Advisory Committee's recommended funding methodology for Next Generation 911 (NG911).

This proposal is a positive step forward towards a more equitable funding methodology. Including call volume and service area population in the formula is a practical change that helps the larger public service area answering points (PSAPs) retain more of the funding generated by their residents. This reduces the demand on other city and county tax dollars and helps make more of that money available for other essential services. Previously, the Douglas County PSAP was retaining only about 17 percent of the wireless money it generated, contributing to a per-call funding of only about 30 percent of the state's average per-call funding.

We believe the formula will not harm smaller PSAPs because they retain the flexibility to use their legacy set-aside funding as they adjust to the new funding methodology.

We would like to thank the members of the 911 Service System Advisory Committee and its Funding Working Group for its work in developing this proposal. We encourage a periodic review of the formula to ensure long-term equity among PSAPs.

Sincerely,

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