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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chair, Committee on Energy and
Commerce

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member, Committee
on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Richard Hudson
Chair, Subcommittee on Communications
and Technology

The Honorable Doris Matsui
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Communications and Technology

Dear Representatives Guthrie, Pallone, Hudson, and Matsui,

On behalf of the Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition, we thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to public safety communications. As you consider ways to strengthen the nation's public safety communications systems during today's hearing, we respectfully highlight the national security imperative of modernizing our nation's decades-old 9-1-1 systems to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1).

Last Congress, we welcomed House Energy and Commerce Committee passage of H.R. 3565, the Spectrum Auction Reauthorization Act by unanimous consent, which included funding to establish a nationwide NG9-1-1 federal grant program, consistent with our Coalition's core principles. We were pleased to have strong bipartisan support for the bill, as well as the support of all major national public safety associations and key industry stakeholders.

We now turn to your leadership to request action in this Congress. We ask you to ensure that NG9-1-1 is deployed in a fully interoperable, comprehensive, secure, innovative, and reliable manner throughout the country, ensuring no community is left behind and that all Americans can trust that when they call 9-1-1, help will arrive promptly, supported by advanced and reliable technology.

Federal support for NG9-1-1 remains an urgent need. Today's 9-1-1 systems are based largely on technology from the 1960s and 70s, lagging behind the advanced communications capabilities commercially available to the public and leaving networks vulnerable to cyberattacks and natural disasters. A member of the public can instantly send a photo or video to friends and family, yet is often limited to voice communications when calling 9-1-1. Modernizing our 9-1-1 networks is also a national security imperative. As the central point for emergency response, 9-1-1 is a prime target for criminals and bad actors.

With more than 240 million 9-1-1 calls each year, deploying NG9-1-1 is one of the most impactful investments Congress can make in public safety. Every day that passes means 9-1-1 professionals and emergency responders lack the advanced communications tools and cybersecurity resources they need to best protect life and property. NG9-1-1 will begin saving lives in our communities the moment it is deployed.

With your assistance, we can lead the world in implementing an advanced and effective emergency response capability, from local emergencies to large-scale disasters, that will protect our communities and save the lives of the public and first responders. We urge you to prioritize federal support for NG9-1-1 this Congress to ensure that every community benefits from secure, resilient, and modern emergency communications. The Public Safety NG9-1-1 Coalition stands ready to work with you in a bipartisan manner to achieve this national security and public safety imperative.

Thank you. Please direct any inquiries to Mel Maier, spokesman for the Coalition, at maierm@apcointl.org.

Sincerely,

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