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May 6th, 2013

Senator Jackie Winters
900 Court St NE, S-301
Salem, OR, 97301
Via Email: Sen.JackieWinters@state.or.us

RE: HB 3317-A

Dear Senator Winters:

I am writing this letter to address HB 3317-A regarding funding for emergency 9-1-1 services in Oregon. As you know, HB 3317-A was moved out of the House Revenue committee to the Joint Ways and Means Committee. Your support of this bill is critical to your local 9-1-1 communications center and other centers across the State.

The primary issues contained in HB 3317-A are extension of the current 9-1-1 tax until 12/31/21 and the inclusion of pre-paid customers in the tax. HB 3317-A requires carriers (including prepaid) to remit the tax to the Department of Revenue.

This means that the carriers will remit the tax. It will not be collected at point of sale (initial estimates between non-point of sale and point of sale collection methods netted \$1.9 million vs. \$200,000 respectively, therefore a majority of the Revenue Committee members elected to add a non-point of sale prepaid tax collection method to the bill).

Funding for 9-1-1 communications has not kept up with inflation and local fire departments cannot afford to continue to subsidize 9-1-1 at the current rate. On behalf of your constituents who are served by Polk County Fire District 1, I urge your support of HB 3317 in its current form.

I want to thank you for all you do in support of the public safety community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Cane", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jason Cane, Fire Chief
Polk County Fire District 1

Executive Director
Keith Endacott



Senator Doug Whitsett
900 Court St. NE, S-311
Salem, OR 97301

April 10, 2013

Re: Support for HB 3317-A

Dear Senator Whitsett:

The Klamath 9-1-1 Communications District, Klamath Falls, asks for your support of HB3317-A. This bill extends the existing 9-1-1 excise tax until 2021; requires service carriers to remit the required tax to the Department of Revenue which includes prepaid wireless telephone and Voiceover Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to collect and remit state emergency communication taxes like all other land line and wireless providers in Oregon. State law requires each circuit capable of accessing 9-1-1 to pay 75 cents per month tax. Currently, pre-paid and VoIP devices can access 9-1-1 services but are not expressly required to collect and remit the tax. We support clarifying that pre-paid wireless and VoIP devices are also required to pay emergency communication taxes.

The Klamath 9-1-1 Communications District provides 9-1-1 call answering and dispatch services for all police, fire, and emergency medical responders in Klamath County. Klamath County is over 6600 square miles, includes major arteries in highways 97 and 140 and its outdoor activities attract many. Klamath 9-1-1 answers nearly 230 calls per day, over 83,000 per year. Those calls for service are dispatched by Klamath 9-1-1 to over 30 Fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies. For over 30 years, the 9-1-1 excise tax has provided critical funding to support and implement 9-1-1 services to all of Oregon. For Klamath 9-1-1, the 9-1-1 tax means \$360,000 annually in revenue. These funds are critical to our ability to provide efficient and effective service to our community. Over the last several years the pre-paid wireless and VoIP market has grown steadily, we estimate that 70 percent of our calls are made from cellular telephones. Out of those, based on national statistics, about 25 percent of those calls are made from pre-paid cell phones. House Bill 3317-A does not create a new tax. Rather, it brings equity to the market and requires prepaid phones and VoIP devices to support the 9-1-1 system, like wireline and contract wireless providers have been doing years. Klamath 9-1-1 respectfully urges your support.

Respectfully,

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Keith Endacott
Executive Director



Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency

**Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency
supports a "AYE" vote on HB 3317-A**

By: Kelly Dutra, Director 503-690-4911 x205 kdutra@wccca.com
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Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA) is the 9-1-1 communication center for Washington County serving all police, fire/EMS public safety agencies in the County. We urge you to help us by supporting HB 3317-A which appropriately deals with two issues critical to 9-1-1 communication centers around the state of Oregon. As written the bill does the following;

1. Extends the existing 9-1-1 tax until 12/31/21 (the existing tax is estimated to generate approximately \$79 million biennially; \$57.7 million of that is expected to be distributed to cities and counties).
2. Requires carriers (including prepaid) to remit the tax to the Department of Revenue; this means that the carriers will remit the tax, it will not be collected at point of sale (initial estimates between non- point of sale and point of sale collection methods netted \$1.9 million vs. \$200,000 respectively, therefore a majority of the Revenue Committee members elected to add a non-point of sale prepaid tax collection method to the bill). An additional \$1.9 million is anticipated to be collected in 2015-17 as a result of the requirement that carriers remit the tax on prepaid devices.
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collection efforts (the first report is due on or before February 15, 2014).

5. Provides a clear definition of VOIP in the statute and clarifies VOIP is subject to the 9-1-1 tax.

You will be pressured by the wireless industry to change the pre-paid collection to a point of sale method of collection. If we were a sales tax state, point of sale would make the most sense, but we are not. Department of Revenue estimates show that the majority of revenue gained from this approach would be taken for set up and management of a point of sale system.

HB 3317-A was moved out of the House Revenue committee to the House Ways and Means Committee. We need this bill to move forward as written as it provides the most revenue to the local 9-1-1 communications center. Your support of this bill is critical to your local 9-1-1 communications center and other centers across the State.



April 15, 2013

Co-chairs Senator Devlin and Representative Buckley, Members
of the Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

On behalf of Washington County Board of Commissioners I want to extend our support for HB 3317-A. Extending the sunset on the 911 tax is a critical component of funding for local/regional 911 centers across Oregon.

HB 3317-A was moved out of the House Revenue committee to the Joint Ways and Means Committee. Your support of this bill is critical to your local 9-1-1 communications center and other centers across the State.

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Sincerely,

Jim McCauley
Deputy Government Affairs Manager
Washington County



Conserving the Peace
SHERIFF
WASHINGTON COUNTY
Pat Garrett, Sheriff

April 12, 2013

Senator Richard Devlin
Ways and Means Committee Co-Chair
900 Court St. NE, S-211
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support of House Bill 3317-A

Dear Senator Devlin:

It is my pleasure to strongly support House Bill 3317-A. I believe the bill is necessary to secure our citizens' safety and to shore up a 911 system that has been stretched dangerously thin. House Bill 3317-A extends the current Emergency Communications Tax (the "9-1-1 Tax") to the tax year 2021. This emergency communications funding is vital to public safety and will continue to support critical emergency services in very important ways.

Secondly, HB 3317-A seeks to ensure that carriers (including prepaid cellular devices) are included in the Emergency Communications Tax, like funds that are collected from all other wireless phones and hard-line phones. HB 3317-A is a common sense approach to leveling the playing field that ensures collection of those funds begin immediately in order to support the 9-1-1 system that is being accessed by every type of phone every day.

HB 3317-A also increases the current .5% allocated tax to .75%. This increase is necessary to supplement the additional cost of collection and enforcement of the above mentioned Emergency Communications Tax extension to all cellular carriers when implemented.

Adequately funded 911 services are an integral part of an effective public safety system. In a growing county funding has not kept up with needs. The decrease of landlines throughout the county, and arguably nationwide, due to an increase in cellular devices (particularly pre-paid) minimizes revenue previously collected for the same services provided. HB 3317-A would essentially evenly distribute previously collected revenue based on an obvious shift in today's technology. To continue to diminish Emergency Communications Tax funds away from their stated purpose will create an increasingly unstable 9-1-1 system at the local level, and may ultimately jeopardize the integrity of the entire emergency response system. Accordingly, I urge your important work to pass this bill that will bring 9-1-1 Tax equity, and restore integrity in our 9-1-1 system for the benefit and safety of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Pat Garrett
Washington County Sheriff



April 12, 2013

Honorable Jackie Winters, Co-Chair
Honorable Jennifer Williamson, Co-Chair
Ways and Means Public Safety Subcommittee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support of HB 3317-A — Extension of 9-1-1 Tax and Prepaid Wireless and VoIP Tax Collection

Dear Co-Chair Winters and Co-Chair Williamson and Members of the Subcommittee:

The city of Beaverton strongly supports HB 3317-A. This bill will help sustain a needed source of funding for emergency services critical for public safety statewide. We also support the HB 3317-A's collection of emergency communication taxes for pre-paid wireless and VoIP devices, bringing equity to the market.

Washington County Consolidated Communication Agency (WCCCA) relies on the 9-1-1 tax as a significant funding source. The Agency delivers 9-1-1 service and public safety communications invaluable to police, fire and emergency medical service for Beaverton and other participating jurisdictions.

WCCCA is open to answer 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls from Washington County residents at all hours on all days. In 2012, the agency received 48,511 wire line 9-1-1 calls and 87,210 wireless calls, totaling 135,721 calls.

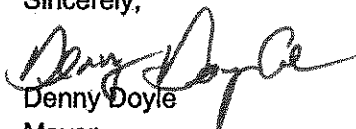
The population WCCCA serves has grown considerably over the past 10 years and is expected to continue to increase. For the agency to continue to meet our community's service demand, it is critical that the 9-1-1 tax be extended to support the agency's financial needs.

While the majority of telecommunications users pay the 9-1-1 tax, prepaid cell phone users and voice over internet users do not. With nearly two-thirds of WCCCA's 9-1-1 calls coming from wireless phones, we believe it is especially important to ensure that all wireless customers that have access to our service pay their fair share.

The 9-1-1 emergency services tax provides critical backing for Oregon's 9-1-1 emergency reporting system. This tax supports the system's overall effectiveness by financing maintenance, operational and improvement costs. The continuation of the tax is crucial to public safety.

For all of these reasons, I urge your support for HB 3317-A.

Sincerely,

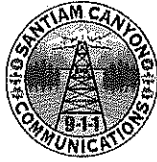

Denny Doyle
Mayor



NORTH MARION COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

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North Marion County Communications Center and the Santiam Canyon Communications Center supports a "AYE" vote on HB 3317-A

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the North Marion County Communications Center and the Santiam Canyon Communications Center who are currently in the process of consolidating their offices of emergency services creating a new entity identified as the Marion Area Multi Agency Emergency Communications Center [METCOM] that represents 39 public safety agencies serving police, fire, EMS, public works, Bureau of Land Management and Unites States Forest Service law enforcement agencies.

We urge you to help us by supporting HB 3317-A which appropriately deals with two issues critical to 9-1-1 communication centers around the state of Oregon. As written the bill does the following;

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You will be pressured by the wireless industry to change the pre-paid collection to a point of sale method of collection. If we were a sales tax state, point of sale would make the most sense, but we are not. Department of Revenue estimates show that the majority of revenue gained from this approach would be taken for set up and management of a point of sale system.

As you can imagine there is a massive movement in transition from land line phone systems to wireless to include the pre-paid phone devices because they are easy and accessible. These phone use our 9-1-1 resource as much if not more than land line phones and the system is not sufficiently supported without the pre-paid collection today and further more will continue to not support the system and the personnel that are staffing the 9-1-1 program/centers throughout the state without collecting the revenue tax on a monthly basis as we do for all other wireless and land line phone systems. Pre-paid phones should not be treated differently.

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Respectfully



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Oregon APCO/NENA represents all of the 9-1-1 dispatch centers in the state of Oregon and we urge you to help your local 9-1-1 center by supporting HB 3317-A. This bill as written, appropriately deals with critical issues to the 9-1-1 communication centers around the state. This bill will, among other things:

- Extend the existing 9-1-1 tax until 12/31/21
- Requires telecommunications carriers (including prepaid) to remit the 9-1-1 tax to the Department of Revenue directly. This is not a point of sale collection (initial estimates between non-point of sale and point of sale collection methods netted \$1.9 million vs. \$200,000 respectively, therefore a majority of the Revenue Committee members elected to add a non-point of sale prepaid tax collection method to the bill)

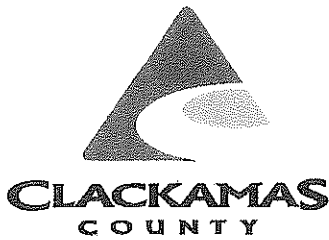
With your support, this bill will allow continued support of your 9-1-1 centers and assist with day to day operations. The bill will help the state 9-1-1 program work towards important and critical infrastructure updates, replacements, and maintenance to the entire 9-1-1 system.

It is likely that you will be pressured by the wireless industry to change the pre-paid collection piece of this bill to a point of sale method of collection. If Oregon was a sales tax state, point of sale would make the most sense, but we are not. Department of Revenue estimates show that the majority of revenue gained from this approach would be taken for set up and management of a point of sale system.

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Respectfully,

Mark Spross
2013 OR APCO/NENA President



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING
2051 KAEN ROAD | OREGON CITY, OR 97045**

April 15, 2013

Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE, Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Letter in Support of 9-1-1 Tax Legislation (HB 3317-A)

Dear Co-Chairs Devlin & Buckley, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, I thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 3317-A, which reauthorizes the 9-1-1 telephone tax and closes the loophole on tax collections from prepaid wireless devices. This legislation is critical to the stable and adequate funding of the Clackamas County Department of Communications, also known as C-COM, which provides 9-1-1 call taking and dispatch services to six law enforcement agencies and nine fire districts and departments.

Clackamas County supports reauthorization of the emergency communications tax, which is an essential component of the overall funding for our statewide 9-1-1 system. The emergency communications tax provides key financial support for call centers, dispatchers, communication equipment and other costs related to maintaining the state's emergency response system. Scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2013, the tax imposes a \$0.75 per month charge on any telephone circuit capable of accessing the 9-1-1 network. In Fiscal Year 2012-13, the tax will provide \$1.441 million in revenue to C-COM, constituting over 21% of its annual budget.

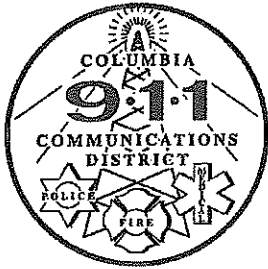
Additionally, Clackamas County supports closing the loophole on tax collections from prepaid wireless devices, which would restore equity and improve the stability of funding for critical 9-1-1 services. Currently, prepaid wireless users do not pay the same tax levied on landline and traditional wireless users to support the 9-1-1 emergency system. The number of prepaid wireless customers is growing nationally and is now estimated to constitute 20 percent of the wireless market, costing the Oregon emergency system millions of dollars per year. In addition to closing this loophole, HB 3317-A requires telecommunications carriers (including prepaid) to remit the 9-1-1 tax to the Department of Revenue directly. We support this non-point of sale prepaid tax collection method, which would net an estimated \$1.9 million in 2015-2017 versus only \$200,000 using a point of sale method.

We strongly urge your support of HB 3317-A and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Ludlow, Chair
On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

cc: Clackamas County legislative delegation



Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District

P.O. Box 998
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April 8, 2013

Representative Brad Witt
900 Court St. NE, H-375
Salem, OR 97301

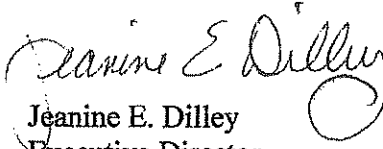
Re: Support for HB 3317-A

Dear Representative Witt:

The Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District, St. Helens, asks for your support of HB3317-A, which extends the existing 9-1-1 excise tax until 2021; requires service carriers to remit the required tax to the Department of Revenue which includes prepaid wireless telephone and Voiceover Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to collect and remit state emergency communication taxes like all other land line and wireless providers in Oregon. State law requires each circuit capable of accessing 9-1-1 to pay 75 cents per month tax. Currently, pre-paid and VoIP devices can access 9-1-1 services but are not expressly required to collect and remit the tax. We support clarifying that pre-paid wireless and VoIP devices are also required to pay emergency communication taxes.

The Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District provides 9-1-1 call answering and dispatch services for all police, fire, and emergency medical responders in Columbia County. This includes the cities of Scappoose, St. Helens, Rainier, Vernonia and Clatskanie. On average, C911CD answers approximately 225 calls per day, over 82,000 per year. For over 30 years, the 9-1-1 excise tax has provided critical funding to support and implement 9-1-1 services to all of Oregon. For Columbia 9-1-1, the 9-1-1 tax means \$360,000 annually in revenue. These funds are critical to our ability to provide efficient and effective service to our community. Over the last several years the pre-paid wireless and VoIP market has grown steadily, we estimate that 70 percent of our calls are made from cellular telephones. Out of those, based on national statistics, about 25 percent of those calls are made from pre-paid cell phones. House Bill 3317-A does not create a new tax. Rather, it brings equity to the market and requires prepaid phones and VoIP devices to support the 9-1-1 system, like wireline and contract wireless providers have been doing years. Columbia 9-1-1 respectfully urges your support.

Respectfully,


Jeanine E. Dilley
Executive Director



CITY OF ASTORIA
Founded 1811 – Incorporated 1856

POLICE DEPARTMENT

APRIL 8th, 2013

Senator Betsy Johnson
900 Court Street NE, S-215
Salem Or 97301

Re: Support for HB 3317-A

Dear Senator Johnson and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Astoria 9-1-1 Subscribers are asking for your support of HB 3317-A, which requires pre-paid wireless telephone and Voiceover Internet Protocol (VOIP) providers to collect and remit state emergency communications taxes like all other land line and wireless providers in Oregon. State law requires each circuit capable of access 9-1-1 to pay a 75 cents per month tax. Currently pre-paid devices can access 9-1-1 services but are not expressly required to collect and remit the tax. We support clarifying that pre-paid wireless and VoIP devices are also required to pay emergency communications taxes.

Astoria 9-1-1 provides call answering and dispatch services for the following law enforcement and fire agencies, Clatsop County Sheriff; Astoria Police; Warrenton Police; Port of Astoria Security; Westport Fire & Rescue; Knappa, Svensen, Burnside RFPD; John Day-Fernhill RFPD; Astoria Fire Department; Lewis & Clark RFPD; Olney Walluski Fire & Rescue; Warrenton Fire Department; Elsie Vinemaple RFPD; Oregon State Forestry. Astoria 9-1-1 answers on average some 12,000 9-1-1 calls annually and has an overall yearly call load in excess of 35,000 calls for service.

For nearly 30 years, the 9-1-1 excise tax has provided critical funding to support and implement 9-1-1 services to all of Oregon. For the Astoria 9-1-1, this tax means \$255,000 in annual revenue which accounts for about 30% of our operating costs. These funds are critical to our ability to provide efficient and effective service to our community.

For the past several years the pre-paid wireless and VoIP market has grown steadily. Astoria 9-1-1 call statistics show that nearly 70% of all 9-1-1 calls are from wireless devices. National statistics tell us that of those about 25% are pre-paid cellular telephones. Using these numbers it is estimated that Oregon loses total almost 7 million dollars in critically needed emergency communications funds.

House Bill 3317-A does not create a new tax. Rather, it brings parity to the market and requires pre-paid phones and VoIP devices to support the 9-1-1 system just as wireline and contract wireless providers have been required to do for years.

We respectfully urge your support.



Jeff Rusiecki
Emergency Communications Manager
City of Astoria 9-1-1



CITY OF SEASIDE

POLICE
DEPARTMENT

ROBERT GROSS
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 12, 2013

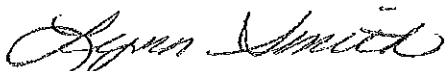
South Clatsop County Communications Agency is the 9-1-1 communication center answering 9-1-1 calls and dispatching police, fire/EMS public safety agencies in south Clatsop County. We urge you to help us by supporting HB 3317-A which appropriately deals with two issues critical to 9-1-1 communication centers around the state of Oregon. As written the bill does the following;

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lynn M Smith, Communications Manager
Seaside Police Department



LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tim Mueller, Sheriff

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The Linn County Sheriff's Office supports a "AYE" vote on HB 3317-A

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The Linn County Sheriff's Office is the 9-1-1 communication center for Linn County serving all police, fire/EMS public safety agencies in Linn County and a portion of Benton County that contains the City limits of Albany. We urge you to help us by supporting HB 3317-A which appropriately deals with two issues critical to 9-1-1 communication centers around the state of Oregon. As written, the bill does the following;

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April 11, 2013

SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 3317-A

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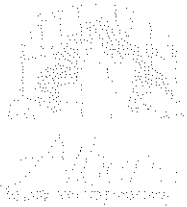
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Sincerely,


John R. Bradner
Fire Chief





WHEELER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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To whom it may concern:

The Wheeler County Sheriff's Office Supports and "AYE" vote on HB3317-A.

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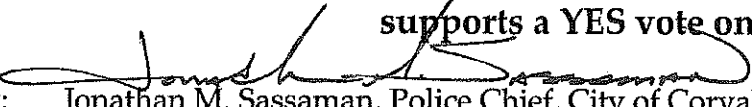
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Corvallis Regional Communications Center (CRCC) Communications Agency

supports a YES vote on HB 3317-A

By:  Jonathan M. Sassaman, Police Chief, City of Corvallis Police Department

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Lane County Fire Defense Board



April 11, 2013

To: House Ways and Means Committee

Regarding: Support of HB 3317-A, 9-1-1 Tax Extension and Inclusion of Pre-Paid Wireless

The Lane County Fire Defense Board would like to offer this letter in support of your efforts to require the prepaid wireless phone industry to support the Oregon 9-1-1 Program and the extension of the 9-1-1 tax, in particular HB 3317-A.

We recognize the 9-1-1 telephone tax is an essential component of the overall funding of our state-wide system. As wireless customers appear to choose prepaid phones more frequently, the current inability to collect the tax from the prepaid wireless phone industry has deprived the Oregon 9-1-1 Program of needed financial support of the system.

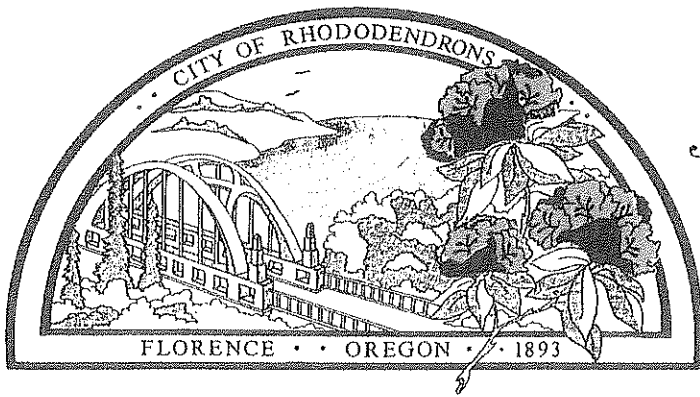
As public safety officials we know the 9-1-1 system is an integral part of our own systems. Funding issues within the Oregon 9-1-1 Program have a direct effect on the citizens we all serve.

We are also aware of much needed advances in technology, in order to allow 9-1-1 Centers across our state to receive text messaging, video and pictures as expected by our citizens. Without sufficient funding, the ability to provide the service level already expected by our citizens will be severely compromised.

The Lane County Fire Defense Board supports HB 3317-A that would require the prepaid wireless phone industry to support the Oregon 9-1-1 Program and the extension of the 9-1-1 tax.

Sincerely,

Chief Chad Minter, Chair
Lane County Fire Defense Board
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Date: April 12, 2013
To: House Ways and Means Committee
From: Raymond L. Gutierrez, City of Florence Chief of Police, on behalf of West Lane Public Safety Answering Point Board
Re: **Support of HB 3317-A, 9-1-1 Tax Extension and Inclusion of Pre-Paid Wireless**

The West Lane Public Safety Answering Point is comprised of the Florence Police Department; Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue; Mapleton Fire Department; Swisshome-Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District; Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Tribal police; and Western Lane Ambulance. West Lane PSAP also receives and relays for dispatch emergency calls for the Lane County Sheriff, Oregon State Police, Coast Guard, and the National and State Forest. The population served is over 14,704 while our service area includes more than 472 square miles.

The West Lane Public Safety Answering Point Board urges you to support HB 3317-A that includes: 1) extended the existing 9-1-1 tax until December 31, 2021; and 2) requiring carriers (including prepaid) to remit the tax to the Department of Revenue (we understand this means that the carriers will remit the tax and it will not be collected at point of sale).

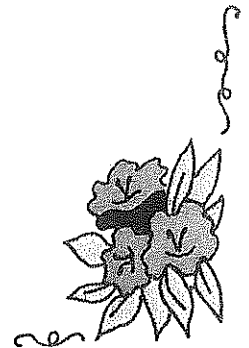
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The 9-1-1 system is integral to public safety throughout western Lane County and without adequate funding, the citizens we serve will be negatively impacted. In addition, with the advent of Next Generation 9-1-1, PSAPs all over our state will need to be able to receive text messaging, video and photos; citizens expect this. Without sufficient funding, the ability to provide the service level already expected by our citizens will be severely compromised.

The West Lane PSAP Board supports HB 3317-A that would require the prepaid wireless phone industry to support the Oregon 9-1-1 Program and the extension of the 9-1-1 tax.

Sincerely,

Raymond L Gutierrez, Chief of Police
West Lane Public Safety Answering Point





Wasco County

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April 11, 2013

RE: HB 3317

Ways and Means Committee

On behalf of the Wasco County Communications Agency/911 (WCCA), I am asking your support to require collection of the 9-1-1 Telephone Tax from pre-paid wireless providers. WCCA provides 9-1-1 call answering and dispatch services to all of the police, fire and medical responders, the 25,040 residents, along with the visitors to Wasco County. On average, WCCA answers approximately 286 telephone calls a day, or over 104,390 a year.

In the past several years, it appears that wireless customers are changing from contract plans and appear to choose pre-paid plans. Out of the 286 calls a day WCCA processes, we estimate that 70 percent are made from cellular telephones. Out of those, based on national statistics, 25 percent of those calls come from pre-paid cell phones.

For over 30 years, the 9-1-1 Telephone Tax has provided critical funding to support and implement 9-1-1 services to all of Oregon. ORS 403.200 requires each circuit capable of accessing 9-1-1 to pay a tax of 75 cents per month. However, since the inception of pre-paid wireless, some of those companies providing this service are not collecting this tax in Oregon. This lack of support by the pre-paid wireless phone industry has deprived the Oregon 9-1-1 Program of millions of dollars. This is not a new tax, it simply brings equity to the market and requires prepaid phones to support the 9-1-1 system like wireline and contract wireless providers have been doing for years.

In today's world, Oregon's 9-1-1 Centers face challenges attempting to catch up to the rapidly changing 9-1-1 call answering technology. The various ways in which to access 9-1-1 either today or in the future, all present their own unique set of issues; VoIP (Voice over internet Protocol), devices which will allow people to dial 9-1-1 from their PDA, pagers, etc, all with the expectation that their call will be routed to the correct 9-1-1 center, with their location information attached; however, today, this is not the case. As more and more technology, referred to as next generation or "Next Gen" emerges, it is critical that we are able to keep pace with these challenges for the safety and welfare of all. With a lack of funding, the ability to provide the service level already expected by our citizens is severely compromised. Collecting this tax from the pre-paid providers will help continue funding the implementation and support the necessary equipment required to perform these essential tasks.

The Wasco County 911 Center, Wasco County Sheriff, Mid Columbia Fire and Rescue joins Oregon APCO/NENA and the Public Safety Answering Points throughout Oregon in support of legislation to require the prepaid wireless phone industry to support the Oregon 9-1-1 Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Pesicka, Operations Manager
Wasco County 911



Dispatching for Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler and Jefferson Counties

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Frontier Regional Consolidated 9-1-1 Agency supports a "AYE" vote on HB 3317-A

By: April Stream, Manager 5541-384-2080 april.stream@tcdispatch.org

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April 12th, 2013

Co-Chairs, Representative Buckley, Representative Richardson, Senator Devlin
Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97754

Re: Support for HB 3317-A

Dear Committee Co-Chairs,

Please accept the attached letter from Mayor Betty Roppe and this cover letter as our endorsement of HB 3317A. 9-1-1 is a complex system that is based on technology that is changing more rapidly than ever before. As the CEO of the only 911 Center in Crook County, encompassing nearly 3000 square miles, I applaud your Committee's efforts on finding smart solutions that will help sustain this most critical public safety service for years into the future.

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Eric C. Bush
Chief of Police City of Prineville / Member: Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO)

Enclosure: Letter from Mayor Betty Roppe



City of Prineville

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April 8, 2013

Representative Mike McLane
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97754

Re: Support for HB 3317-A

Dear Representative McLane,

The City of Prineville asks for your support of HB 3317-A, which requires pre-paid wireless telephone and Voiceover Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to collect and remit state emergency communications taxes like all other land line and wireless providers in Oregon. State law requires each circuit capable of accessing 9-1-1 to pay a 75 cent per month tax. Currently, pre-paid devices can access 9-1-1 services but are not expressly required to collect and remit the tax. We support clarifying that pre-paid wireless and VoIP devices are also required to pay the emergency communications taxes.

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We respectfully urge your support,

Betty Roppe, Mayor

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Mayor



JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Gil Gilbertson, Sheriff

Josephine County Sheriff's Office Supports an "AYE" vote on HB 3317-A

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April 11, 2013

Representative Wally Hicks
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Re: Support for HB 3317-A

The Josephine County 911 Agency asks for your support of HB 3317-A, which extends the existing 911 tax until December 31, 2021, and requires pre-paid wireless telephone and Voiceover Internet Protocol providers to collect and remit state emergency communication taxes like all other land line and wireless providers in Oregon. For over 30 years, the 911 excise tax has provided critical funding to support and implement 911 services to all of Oregon. For us, the 911 tax means approximately \$400,000 annually in revenue, or about two-thirds of our agency's annual revenue. These funds are critical to our ability to provide efficient and effective service to our community.

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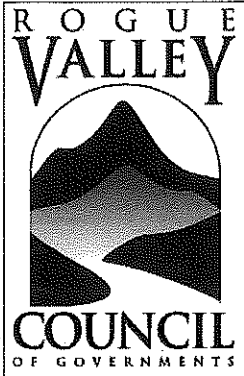
The Josephine County 911 Agency provides 911 call answering and dispatch services for all emergency medical responders and fire district personnel from the rural fire protection districts of Wolf Creek, Williams, and the Illinois Valley as well as Rural/Metro Fire Department and Grants Pass Public Safety law enforcement. On average, Josephine County 911 dispatchers answer approximately 51,000 emergency calls per year.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

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Kristen Guenther, Administrator



Administration Office

Rogue Valley Council of Governments

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Rogue Valley Council of Governments supports "Aye" vote on HB 3317-A

On behalf of its 22 member cities, counties, and special districts, the Board of Directors of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments would like to state its emphatic and unequivocal support for HB 3317-A and any other legislation proposed this session that contributes to the continued financial viability of the public safety answering points (PSAPs), and of the 911 system itself.

First and foremost, the Board urges the extension of the current Emergency Communications Tax, as well as its expansion to include all devices with access to the 911 emergency reporting system. Since the popularity of prepaid mobile phones has a great deal to do with the fact that the public is comfortable with being able to use them to contact public safety officers or first responders, it is clearly justifiable that providers in turn support the service.

In addition, the Board considers it critical that the funds collected for 911 emergency services remain dedicated to those emergency services. Without exception, the Board considers any diversion of 911 taxes to be unacceptable public policy. While there is no doubt that governmental entities and their services are under unprecedented financial stress, something as fundamental to our society as the 911 system must remain whole.

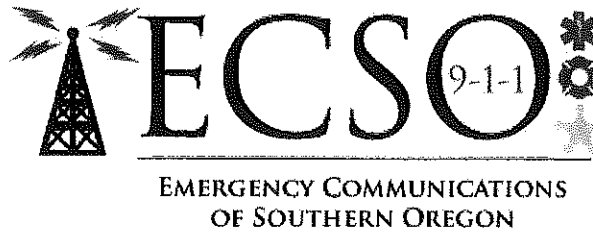
Finally, the Board supports PSAP consolidation where and when it makes financial sense and is promoted and supported at the local level. As a regional entity, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments is often involved in a consideration of the merits of regionalized service delivery models, and understands the complexities involved in adjusting those service models. In our experience, the one consistently important factor in a positive outcome for any such process is meaningful local decision-making. While we would encourage the State's participation in potential PSAP consolidation, final decision-making must reside in the communities that have the highest stake in an efficient and effective 911 emergency system.

Sincerely,

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The Rogue Valley Council of Governments is a voluntary association of these local governments and special districts in our region:

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Josephine County
City of Ashland
Town of Butte Falls
City of Cave Junction
City of Central Point
City of Eagle Point
City of Gold Hill
City of Grants Pass
City of Jacksonville
City of Medford
City of Phoenix
City of Rogue River
City of Shady Cove
City of Talent
Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO)
Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District
Rogue Community College (RCC)
Rogue Valley Sewer Services (RVS)
Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD)
Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SORED)
Southern Oregon University (SOU)



Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon supports "Aye" vote on HB 3317 - A

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon is the 9-1-1 communication center for Jackson County and Crater Lake National Park serving all police, fire/EMS public safety agencies in the County. We urge you to help us by supporting HB 3317-A which appropriately deals with two issues critical to 9-1-1 communication centers around the state of Oregon. As written the bill does the following;

1. Extends the existing 9-1-1 tax until 12/31/21 (the existing tax is estimated to generate approximately \$79 million biennially; \$57.7 million of that is expected to be distributed to cities and counties).
2. Requires carriers (including prepaid) to remit the tax to the Department of Revenue; this means that the carriers will remit the tax, it will not be collected at point of sale (initial estimates between non- point of sale and point of sale collection methods netted \$1.9 million vs. \$200,000 respectively, therefore a majority of the Revenue Committee members elected to add a non-point of sale prepaid tax collection method to the bill). An additional \$1.9 million is anticipated to be collected in 2015-17 as a result of the requirement that carriers remit the tax on prepaid devices.
3. Increases the current .5% allocated from the tax to the Department of Revenue for administration of the tax to .75% to fund additional collection and enforcement of the tax (this extra quarter percent will fund additional enforcement of collection of the tax). DOR assumes a startup date for the enhanced enforcement program of October 1, 2013. DOR anticipates the need for additional staff in order to implement the bill. The total additional cost to DOR is \$203,194 in 2013-15 and \$272,002 in 2015-17.
4. Requires DOR to report on a quarterly basis to the legislative committee on revenue regarding implementation of the enhanced enforcement and collection efforts (the first report is due on or before February 15, 2014).
5. Provides a clear definition of VOIP in the statute and clarifies VOIP is subject to the 9-1-1 tax.

You will be pressured by the wireless industry to change the pre-paid collection to a point of sale method of collection. If we were a sales tax state, point of sale would make the most sense, but we are not. Department of Revenue estimates show that the majority of revenue gained from this approach would be taken for set up and management of a point of sale system.

HB 3317-A was moved out of the House Revenue committee to the House Ways and Means Committee. We need this bill to move forward as written as it provides the most revenue to the local 9-1-1 communications center. Your support of this bill is critical to your local 9-1-1 communications center and other centers across the State.

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April 17, 2013

Senator Doug Whitsett
Senator Alan Bates
Representative Peter Buckley
Representative Dennis Richardson
900 Court St. NE
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RE: Support for an "Aye" vote on HB 3317-A

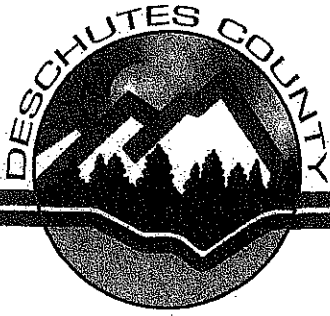
Dear Honorable Members of the House and Senate:

The City of Medford and the Medford Police Department would like to encourage you to support an "Aye" vote on HB 3317-A. The City of Medford understands that the 911 telephone tax is just merely one stream of revenue, albeit an extremely important one, that helps to maintain the operation of our public safety answering points (PSAP) and is critical to the operation of our Police and Fire Departments. We would like to suggest that as you are considering the numerous bills that come before you, that you put your support behind HB 3317-A. **The 911 taxes are vital for our operation and should not be allowed to sunset, additionally, the taxation model needs to adapt to collect this tax from the prepaid carriers that have become pervasive in the wireless communication industry.** That is only fair. To ensure the continued health of our PSAP systems, it is critical that the tax is also collected from these types of subscribers as well as all other wireless phones and land lines.

Our City along with many in the public safety community supports the passage of HB 3317-A which will allow for the continued viability of the public safety PSAP system. The passage of this HB is vital to the continued safety of all of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police



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April 18, 2013

Joint Committee on Ways and Means -
Subcommittee on Public Safety
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Members of the Subcommittee on Public Safety:

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners and Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District endorse HB 3317-A and encourage your support of this bill. Deschutes County 9-1-1 serves as the 9-1-1 communication center for seventeen police, fire/EMS, and public safety agencies in Deschutes County.

HB 3317-A extends the existing 9-1-1 tax until December 31, 2021. Without this extension, 9-1-1 centers throughout Oregon will lose an important revenue source that supports ongoing operations. In addition, the bill provides a mechanism to apply the 9-1-1 tax to prepaid cell phones. Without this legislative change, customers of prepaid cell phones will continue to *not* pay the 9-1-1 tax that other cell phone users (those that pay for their cell phone via a monthly bill) pay. The bill will require carriers that offer prepaid cell phones to remit the 9-1-1 tax to the Department of Revenue, similar to how the tax is collected for non-prepaid cell phones.

Finally, we would like to note that we support Representative Jason Conger's position that the 9-1-1 tax should remain a revenue for local 9-1-1 communication centers and not be diverted to the State.

Thank you for your consideration of support for HB 3317-A.

Alan Unger, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Tammy Baney, Vice-Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Anthony DeBone, Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners

Robert J. Poirier, Director
Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District