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March 5, 2019

To: House Veterans Affairs Committee
From: Central Lane Communications Center 9-1-1 PSAP Board
SUBJECT: SUPPORT – HB 2449

This memorandum is respectfully presented to you in strong support of HB 2449, increasing the Emergency Communications Tax. The 9-1-1 tax has not increased since 1995. As all of our agency costs increase this tax has remained stagnant at 75 cents per device. We strongly urge you to carry this bill forward.

The Central Lane County 911 Center's Public Safety Answering Point Board also supports the following language changes and additions:

- Remove the 2% provision for counties with a population less than 40,000
- Reduce the amount the OEM 911 Program receives to 2% from 4%
- Reduce the amount DAS receives to 0.5% from 1%
- To ensure the ongoing stability of Oregon's 9-1-1 Program, add language to this bill that would allow the interest earned on the 9-1-1 Tax to be held in an account for future infrastructure upgrades (such as Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation and deployment) as well as the system's continued resiliency

Sincerely Submitted on behalf of the CLCC PSAP Board Membership,

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