I am writing in support of SB 425. As a 911 Telecommunicator for the past 20 years, I feel that recognizing Telecommunicators as first responders is an important step in being seen as an integral part of emergency services. We are the first step in life saving calls for help. As that first step, we do respond to calls for help and as such, I believe that a First Responder status is a must in our line of work. 911 Telecommunicators deserve this type of recognition as with any other type of emergency services and therefore have my full support.

Thank you,

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