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**Nation’s Leading Public Safety Associations Applaud Inclusion of Next Generation 9-1-1  
Legislation in House Budget Reconciliation Package**

**Washington, D.C.** – Last night, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved inclusion of Next Generation 9-1-1 legislation in its Budget Reconciliation package. The Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition thanks Chairman Frank Pallone, Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Mike Doyle, and Congressional NextGen 9-1-1 Caucus Co-Chair Anna Eshoo for championing this once-in-a-generation investment in critical public safety infrastructure. The Coalition is also grateful to the many members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee who have expressed support for this needed upgrade of 9-1-1 services throughout the country.

The Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition consists of the leadership of the following major law enforcement, fire/rescue, emergency medical service, and public safety communications associations: Association of Public Safety Communications Officials – International, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Major City Cities Chiefs Association, Major County Sheriffs of America, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, National Association of State EMS Officials, National Sheriffs Association. The Coalition is solely motivated by what is needed by public safety professionals as they carry out their missions to save and protect the public every day.

The risks confronting our communities are more complicated and dependent upon essential communications than ever before. Next Generation 9-1-1 technology will lead to faster and improved emergency response, make first responders and communities safer, and allow public safety professionals to meet the needs and expectations of the American people in the 21st Century. We now urge the Senate to fully fund this critical infrastructure. In this regard, the Coalition will continue its efforts to work with Senate offices to ensure that state and local public safety agencies receive the resources they need to fully upgrade their 9-1-1 systems in an interoperable, innovative, and secure manner.

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