



The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Minority Leader

November 30, 2022

Dear Senator Schumer, Senator McConnell, Representative Pelosi, and Representative McCarthy:

Our organizations have been working together as the Public Safety Next Generation 9-1-1 Coalition to advocate for Congress to fund Next Generation 9-1-1 to modernize the nation’s more than 50-year-old 9-1-1 systems to benefit the public and first responders. In July, we welcomed House passage of H.R. 7624, the Spectrum Innovation Act of 2022, which included funding legislation to implement NG9-1-1 nationwide in an interoperable, innovative, secure, and competitively neutral fashion, consistent with our Coalition’s core principles. We were pleased to have strong bipartisan support for the bill, including a unanimous vote in the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Based on recent conversations with majority and minority staff for the Senate Commerce Committee, we understand that the agreement being finalized for a corresponding legislative package includes funding for Next Generation 9-1-1.

We have never been closer to securing the investment needed to modernize our nation’s 9-1-1 systems and ensuring that our brave 9-1-1, fire/rescue, law enforcement, and emergency medical services personnel have the modern communications tools they need to protect life and property.

On behalf of our public safety members, our ask remains the same: (1) fully fund NG9-1-1 in the amount of \$15B to ensure that all areas of the country – rural and urban – benefit from this needed and overdue upgrade, (2) provide the agency charged with grant implementation, NTIA, with sufficient borrowing authority to begin this important work as soon as possible (particularly with spectrum auction revenue not expected for several years), and (3) retain without change the carefully crafted, bipartisan NG9-1-1 legislative language contained in H.R. 7624.

We respectfully seek your leadership to ensure that federal NG9-1-1 funding legislation is enacted this Congress. Every day without action on this national priority represents an opportunity missed for public safety, and potentially lives lost.

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