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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Ohio Chapters of APCO, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, and NENA, National Emergency Number Association, we would like to express our support for the exploration, migration and utilization of Next Generation 9-1-1 technology within the State of Ohio. The ever-changing world of technology in today's society has forced the current E9-1-1 system to be pushed, at times, beyond its limits because of its current inability to accept certain types of non-traditional data through traditional means.

With the inception of text and video messaging capabilities from wireless devices, it has become imperative for communications centers to begin exploring ways to accept this type of data from subscribers. The residents of the various communities that we serve rely on our 9-1-1 answering points to have the ability to receive and dispatch timely emergency assistance whenever it is needed. In order to effectively accomplish this goal, the equipment in our communications centers must be capable of handling all of the data delivery methods currently available to the citizens.

The technology exists for public safety answering points to find people and save lives in a faster, more efficient manner. We believe that now is time to begin researching avenues in which this technology can be successfully implemented in Ohio. The Ohio Chapters of NENA and APCO would object to any regulatory action that would preclude efforts to move ahead with implementing new technologies that would enhance and improve 9-1-1 services to PSAPs and citizens throughout the state of Ohio.

Thank you for your time.

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