

Clackamas Fire District #1

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January 18, 2012

House Interim Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for LC170 – Relating to Distribution of 9-1-1 Excise Tax Revenues

Honorable Members of the Oregon House of Representatives:

As one of the first response agencies in Clackamas County, Clackamas Fire District #1 is dependent upon the emergency call taking and dispatching services provided by our 9-1-1 center. Through this center, we serve over half of the citizens of Clackamas County in an area covering approximately 200 square miles. We fervently support Representative Sheehan in his quest to bring attention to LC 170, which will ensure that the excise revenue collected will be distributed appropriately to the 9-1-1 centers in Oregon.

The excise tax is paid monthly through telephone and cell phone bills by the rate payers and it is their expectation that it will be used for the reason intended. LC 170 would ensure transparency and efficiency in the distribution of these dedicated funds.

On behalf of Clackamas Fire District #1, thank you for your continued work in supporting emergency response agencies throughout Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Kirchofer", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ed Kirchofer
Fire Chief

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