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Members of the Oregon House of Representatives
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE Room 453
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To the Honorable Members of the Oregon House of Representatives

I am writing in support of LC 170 which will require the Office of Emergency Management to distribute 9-1-1 funds *directly* to 9-1-1 jurisdictions in the state. Currently, Oregon law requires that some funds be collected from telephone and cell phone bills to support 9-1-1 centers. Many cities already send their portion of the 9-1-1 funds to the 9-1-1 center. This bill requires that these funds be sent directly to the 9-1-1 centers for the operation of the emergency communication system.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to approximately 400,000 citizens in Clackamas County. To complete our jobs, we rely on the important communication system provided by our 9-1-1 center: Clackamas County Communications (C-COM.) Funding for emergency communications is crucial, and any actions to provide support for the 9-1-1 system are of utmost importance.

Sending 9-1-1 funds directly to the communications center is a sensible and effective way to eliminate duplication and assure the funds are efficiently distributed to the intended communications center.

Thank you for your work in providing services to the citizens of Clackamas County and the citizens of Oregon. I urge your support for LC 170.

Sincerely,

Craig Roberts, Sheriff
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

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