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House Revenue Committee  
Representative Phil Barnhart – Chair  
Representative Jules Bailey – Vice Chair  
Representative Vicki Berger – Vice Chair  
Representative Jason Conger  
Representative John Davis  
Representative Sara Gelser  
Representative Tobias Read  
Representative Jessica Vega Pederson  
Representative Cliff Bentz  
900 Court St. NE Room 143  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for 911 Excise Tax Extension and Equitable Collection

Dear Honorable Members of the House Revenue Committee:

The City of Medford and the Medford Police Department would like to encourage you to support the legislation that will continue the 911 telephone tax. Our department understands that the 911 telephone tax is just merely one stream of revenue, albeit an extremely important one, that helps to maintain the operation of our public safety answering points (PSAP) and is critical to our operations. We would like to suggest that as you are considering the numerous bills that come to your committee that a goal be to extend the tax and seek the collection of the tax from all devices with access to the 911 emergency reporting system. The taxation model needs to adapt to collect this tax from the prepaid carriers that have become pervasive in the wireless communication industry. To ensure the continued health of our PSAP systems, it is critical that the tax is also collected from these types of subscribers as well as all other wireless phones and land lines.

Our department along with many in the public safety community supports the passage of these bills which will allow for the continued viability of the public safety PSAP system.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Tim George  
Medford Police Department

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