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RE: 911 Support

On behalf of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, I would like to submit this letter in support of 9-1-1 in Oregon. In Jackson County, Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO) is the only Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The 9-1-1 tax covers only 21% of the budget, with the remaining funding coming from local government. With the economy as it is, fire and police agencies have already had to deal with decreasing budgets while still trying to properly fund our PSAP. Funding for our 9-1-1 Centers in Oregon is imperative and collection of money from prepaid phones is past due. I am submitting this letter in support of the extension of the 9-1-1 tax, which is critical to our operation. I would also like to stress my support of the collection of the 9-1-1 tax on prepaid cell phones to contribute the same way all other wireless phones and land line phones do. In regards to the prepaid bills, I am in support of the passage of the bill that will bring the most revenue to local government for the operation of our PSAP.

Sincerely,
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