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To: House Veterans Committee Members

From: Megan Banks, Lane County Area 9-1-1 Coordinator on behalf of:

- Central Lane Communications, Eugene, Oregon
- South Lane Public Safety Answering Point, Cottage Grove, Oregon
- West Lane Public Safety Answering Point, Florence, Oregon

RE: Memorandum of Support for HB 2919, 9-1-1 Call Location Data

During the 2014 legislative session, HB 4022 passed in response to a 2007 incident where Kelsey Ann Smith went missing in Kansas. Law enforcement requested a ping of her cell phone to determine her location and it took the wireless carrier four days to respond to the location identification request. The bill requires cellular service providers to provide location information for wireless phones at the request of a law enforcement agency for emergency purposes. As part of the bill, the office of Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) was directed to maintain a central database of contact information for cellular service providers. OEM has contracted with a vendor to create this database for this purpose. The vendor is authorized to spend \$69,222.00 for phase one of the project, funded by 9-1-1 tax dollars. These 9-1-1 tax dollars would otherwise go to area PSAPs.

While the combined Oregon Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communication Professionals (APCO) and National Emergency Number Association (NENA), along with Lane County area PSAPs, did not object to the passage of HB 4022, they did and do not believe there is a problem that needs to be solved with HB 4022.

Oregon's PSAPs have a very good working relationship with the wireless carriers and they have been very responsive to PSAP needs under these types of circumstances. With the passage of HB 4022 however, OEM has been required to set up a system that redirects limited 9-1-1 dollars away from the PSAPs who need those dollars. The bill also creates additional workload for Oregon PSAPs and law enforcement agencies who are already struggling to meet increased demands and workload.

Lane County area PSAPs support the passage of HB 2919 to eliminate the reporting requirement related to the disclosure of call location information of cellular device used to call 9-1-1. This will allow needed 9-1-1 tax dollars to continue to fund PSAPs in the state of Oregon.