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Senator Brian Boquist, Chair
Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
900 Court Street N.E. Hearing Room B
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support HB 2919

Chair Boquist, Members of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Committee:

The City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC) provides a 9-1-1 call answering and dispatch services for all police, fire and medical responders throughout all of Multnomah County. On average, BOEC answers approximately 3000 telephone calls a day, or over 1 million per year.

In order to comply with the requirements of HB 4022, the State would have to spend scarce emergency communications resources to coordinate the collection of call location information from PSAPs and law enforcement agencies. PSAPs would also struggle to comply with the increased workload, and for an organization as large as BOEC, this would require reporting on a near daily basis.

BOEC requests your support for HB 2919, which eliminates the reporting requirements for call location information of cellular devices used to call 9-1-1, or believed to be in possession of an individual facing a life threatening emergency. BOEC and other PSAPs in Oregon enjoy an excellent working relationship with wireless carriers, and the carriers have been able to quickly provide critical location information in a timely manner under exigent circumstances.

The City of Portland joins Oregon APCO/NENA and the Public Safety Answering Points throughout Oregon in support of HB 2919.

Respectfully submitted,

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