

April 18, 2019

Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chair
House Committee on Revenue
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support of HB2449

Chair Nathanson, Members of the House Revenue Committee:

My name is Megan Johnston and I live in Keizer, Oregon. I have been made aware of HB2449 and the need to raise the tax that supports 9-1-1. As an adolescent I had to call 9-1-1 when my grandmother was found unconscious and not breathing. The voice on the other line kept me calm as my family descended into chaos and walked me through how to perform CPR until an ambulance could arrive and take over. I know how important it is, first hand, to have someone on the other line when I needed them most and I want to support 9-1-1 as much as possible.

I will be the first to tell you that I am not wanting to pay more in taxes in general. However, I know that it is critical to have tax dollars available for critical life safety functions like 9-1-1. I am willing to pay the additional 75 cents per month or \$18 per year to have a stable funding source for my 9-1-1 center. I am a taxpayer telling you that I am willing to pay more in taxes for my 9-1-1 center. Please support HB2449.

Sincerely,

Megan Johnston