



March 26, 2025

Oregon House Speaker Julie Fahey
Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner

RE: Capital Construction Request – Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO 911)

Dear Speaker Fahey and President Wagner,

Please accept this letter in support of the Capital Construction Request submitted by Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon 911.

Several years ago, the people of Jackson County voted overwhelmingly to approve a radio system build-out bond to construct a new county-wide emergency responder radio network. While ECSO has been working diligently to realize this vision, it has become clear in the intervening years that the original cost estimates would not be adequate to see the project to completion.

The potential (and hopeful) injection of much needed funding will help ensure this project is completed, and the people of Jackson County be given the much needed improvements in their emergency communications.

Jackson County emergency agencies work very closely with each other, as witnessed by the stellar team response to the 2020 fire season. This radio project will ensure that all agencies are best positioned to continue with these important partnerships.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tighe O'Meara".

Tighe O'Meara, Police Chief