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Washington, D. C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As the House Co-Chairs of the Next Gen 9-1-1 Caucus, we were pleased that you highlighted the importance of 9-1-1 during your recent testimony before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. Your comments, coupled with the FCC's adoption last month of an order to improve the reliability and resiliency of 9-1-1 networks nationwide, demonstrates the Agency's continued commitment to our nation's first responders.

With an increasing number of 9-1-1 calls being placed from wireless phones (70 percent by one estimate), we believe the Agency must do more to ensure first responders have the necessary information to locate calls made to 9-1-1 from indoor locations. As a 2011 report by the FCC highlighted, the inability to locate a caller during an emergency is a "significant public safety concern" that requires development of technical solutions.

We commend the Commission's efforts to-date, including establishing a working group through the Communications, Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) and also holding a public workshop in November. To be clear, we do not endorse any particular technology, and believe the Commission has the necessary information to proceed with a proposed rulemaking that would set standards for indoor location accuracy, just as we have today for calls made outdoors.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to enhancing the quality and reliability of 9-1-1 services across the nation.

Sincerely,



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