



**GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO**

**Ricardo Rosselló Nevares**

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Mr. Michael O’Rielly  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner O’Rielly:

In response to your communication of April 24, 2018 concerning Puerto Rico’s 9-1-1 fees, I would like to clarify various points.

First, I wholeheartedly agree with you as to the importance of 9-1-1 services, especially given our experience with recent natural disasters. Moreover, regarding the \$243,100 in 911 funds that were diverted to the Puerto Rico Treasury Department in 2016, as I previously explained in my letter dated March 7, 2018, this diversion of funds occurred during the previous administration. In fact, our administration reported it, and our Secretary of the Department of Public Safety requested an audit of 9-1-1 operations in Puerto Rico. (See attachment)

You also questioned whether such diversions will occur in the future. To be clear, we will not allow any utilization of 9-1-1 funds for purposes other than those authorized under applicable laws, rules, and regulations. To that effect, we have also initiated steps to submit amendments to the current state law that led to said diversion of funds, and we will be withholding future payments to the Treasury Department.

I trust that my assurances in this matter will put to rest this issue and that Puerto Rico will be a recipient of funding currently under consideration, aimed at rebuilding Puerto Rico’s communications infrastructure.

I look forward to working together with you on improving and enhancing 9-1-1 services in Puerto Rico. Should you need additional information regarding this

matter, please feel free to contact me directly or Hon. Hector M. Pesquera, Secretary of Public Safety at (787) 641-4300 ext. 3802. Thank you in advance for your continuous support.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ricardo Rosselló', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ricardo Rosselló