



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY BOARD  
LANSING

September 20, 2017

Chair of the Michigan Senate Energy & Technology Committee  
Senator Mike Nofs  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Re: Senate Bill 400 (SB400) "Emergency 9-1-1 service enabling act"

Dear Senator Nofs,

The Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board collaborates with Michigan's various public safety radio systems and telecommunications networks, to better help provide and promote statewide communications interoperability across all platforms. It also adopts procedures and best practices to help oversee the organization and operations of Public Safety Communications throughout Michigan. The Board is responsible for advising the Governor on all interoperability aspects of current and future technology in the state to ensure the public safety community is well prepared today and in the future with the emergency communications ecosystem.

As you know a vital part of that emergency communications ecosystem is a reliable and redundant 9-1-1 system and the various related technologies that allow a citizen to call, text or otherwise contact a 9-1-1 Center/PSAP when help is needed. In discussion and collaboration with our many partners and workgroups in the communications realm, we are also aware that the current 9-1-1 funding model will no longer continue to support 9-1-1 services and or the transfer to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) networks and technologies. As such, we strongly support Senate Bill 400 because it will establish a stable and fair funding model for 9-1-1 services, at the local level and statewide level. Approval of this legislation will also further fund and help drive the implementation for critical updates for current 9-1-1 systems to elevate their system to an NG911 network level. We urge you to support our 9-1-1 system and programs across the state of Michigan by voting in favor of SB400.

Sincerely,

Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Chair  
Director, Michigan State Police

Mr. Bradley A. Stoddard, Vice-Chair  
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