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Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol, Building
Albany, New York 12224

Re: Support for A.9162A - Optional 25-Year Retirement Plan for Eligible 911 Professionals

Dear Governor Hochul,

I respectfully ask you to support A.9162A/S.7635B and sign the measure when it reaches your desk.

New York's 911 dispatchers and emergency-communications professionals make time-sensitive public-safety decisions. Their work can include rotating shifts, overtime and distressing calls; conditions vary by employer and workplace.

A.9162A/S.7635B would authorize a 25-year retirement path only after a qualifying public employer obtains a NYSLRS estimate and elects the benefit. Coverage and any member election would follow the bill and NYSLRS rules. The employer would accept the attributable cost.

As a Senator representing constituents who rely on these professionals every day, I believe we have a responsibility to recognize the demanding nature of emergency communications work. Recruiting and retaining experienced 911 dispatchers is critical to maintaining a strong and reliable public-safety system, particularly as communities across New York work to ensure that emergency calls are answered and handled by trained professionals. Providing a meaningful retirement option can help public employers retain the experienced workforce needed to perform this essential function.

The Legislature has approved this measure, including a 60-0 Senate vote. I urge you to support the professionals behind the call for help and sign the measure when it reaches your desk.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George M. Borrello". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

George M. Borrello
Senator, 57th District