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August 13, 2026

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
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Dear Governor Hochul:

I am writing to respectfully urge you to sign S.7635B/A.9162A into law once it is delivered to your office. This legislation, which I supported and which has passed both houses of the Legislature, would authorize New York State, counties, and municipalities to offer an optional 25-year retirement plan to 911 dispatchers and emergency communications personnel. The bill does not mandate adoption by any locality; it simply provides the option. This local flexibility is especially valuable for rural counties that face ongoing challenges of recruiting and retaining qualified dispatchers. The work these professionals perform is essential to public safety and carries a significant cumulative mental, emotional, and physical toll. Providing a realistic path to retirement after 25 years of service would help reduce turnover, preserve institutional knowledge, and strengthen the emergency communications system that law enforcement, fire, EMS, and the public depend on every day. I strongly support this measure and ask that you give it favorable consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom O'Mara', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas F. O'Mara
New York State Senator
58th Senate District

cc: Casey D. Howe

Signed Support Letter from Senator Thomas F. O'Mara

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Letterhead: The Senate, State of New York. Thomas F. O'Mara, Senator, 58th District. Ranking Minority Member, Finance; Investigations and Government Operations. Committees: Codes; Energy and Telecommunications; Insurance; Judiciary. Albany office: Room 706 Legislative Office Building, Albany, New York 12247; telephone 518-455-2091; fax 518-426-6976. Elmira office: 100 West Church Street, Suite 103, Elmira, New York 14901; telephone 607-735-9671; fax 607-735-9675. Email: omara@nysenate.gov. The New York State seal appears in the letterhead.

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