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Honorable Kathy Hochul
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Dear Governor Hochul,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to sign S.7635B/A.9162A into law upon its delivery to your office. This legislation, which has passed both houses of the Legislature, would authorize an optional 25-year retirement plan for 911 dispatchers and emergency communications personnel.

Having served the past 32 years in law enforcement, beginning my career as an emergency services dispatcher, I can attest firsthand to the critical role these professionals play in public safety. In many ways, dispatching is one of the most demanding first responder professions. Dispatchers are often the first point of contact during emergencies and are tasked with making life-impacting decisions under immense pressure. The job places significant mental, emotional, and physical demands on those who perform it every day.

Providing municipalities with the option to offer this retirement benefit would be a valuable tool for recruiting and retaining qualified emergency communications personnel. More importantly, it would recognize the dedication, professionalism, and sacrifices made by these essential public safety professionals. By signing this legislation, you will demonstrate your continued commitment to New York's first responders and affirm the value of the critical services provided by our emergency communications personnel. These men and women deserve a retirement option that reflects their level of training, responsibility, and service to the public.

I strongly support this legislation and believe it is both warranted and long overdue. Thank you for your time, consideration, and attention to this important matter

Respectfully,

Scott A. Cicirello
Sheriff

Signed Support Letter from Sheriff Scott A. Cicirello

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