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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of the State of New York
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Re: Support for A.9162A/S.7635B — Optional 25-Year Retirement Plan for 911 Professionals

Dear Governor Hochul:

On behalf of the Wellsville Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc., I respectfully write in support of A.9162A/S.7635B and urge you to sign this legislation when it is presented for your consideration.

Emergency dispatchers and public-safety telecommunicators are an essential part of New York's emergency-response system. They are the first point of contact for people experiencing medical emergencies, fires, crimes, and other life-threatening situations. Their judgment, composure, and ability to quickly obtain and communicate accurate information directly affect the safety of patients, responders, and the public.

As an emergency medical services organization, WVAC relies upon the skill and professionalism of 911 communications personnel every day. Dispatchers coordinate emergency resources, provide critical pre-arrival instructions, manage multiple incidents simultaneously, and support responders throughout rapidly changing situations. This demanding work carries significant operational responsibility and repeated exposure to traumatic events.

A.9162A/S.7635B appropriately recognizes these professionals by permitting eligible public employers to elect an optional 25-year retirement plan for qualifying dispatchers and emergency communications personnel. Because participation remains an employer option, the legislation provides local flexibility while offering communities an important tool for recruiting and retaining experienced public-safety professionals.

New York's 911 professionals are indispensable members of the emergency-services team. Providing an appropriate retirement option recognizes the demands of their service and strengthens the emergency communications system upon which agencies such as ours and the communities we serve depend.

The Wellsville Volunteer Ambulance Corps respectfully urges you to sign A.9162A/S.7635B into law.

Respectfully,



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