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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 Fire Company (WVFC), I am writing to express our support for A.9162A/S.7635B, which would provide eligible 911 dispatchers and emergency communications professionals with access to an optional 25-year retirement plan.

Every emergency response begins with communication. When our firefighters are dispatched, we depend on 911 professionals to gather critical information, send the appropriate resources, and maintain communication with our personnel throughout an incident. Their work directly contributes to the safety of our responders and the communities we serve.

Dispatchers work alongside fire, EMS, and law enforcement every day. They answer calls from people experiencing some of the most difficult moments of their lives while remaining calm, making quick decisions, and coordinating multiple emergency resources. Although much of their work takes place behind the scenes, they are an essential part of the public safety system.

The demands and responsibilities placed on these professionals deserve recognition. Providing an optional 25-year retirement plan acknowledges their commitment to public safety while helping communities recruit and retain experienced emergency communications personnel.

The Wellsville Volunteer Fire Company is proud to support the 911 professionals who are there for us every time the tones drop. On behalf of WVFC, I respectfully urge you to sign A.9162A/S.7635B into law.

Respectfully,

Collin Perkins

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Secretary
Wellsville Volunteer Fire Company