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Commonwealth of Virginia
E9-1-1 Services Board

Dear Members of the E9-1-1 Services Board:

We, as Directors of the fourteen PSAPs in Region 2 (Valley Piedmont area) write to extend our appreciation for the E9-1-1 Services Board initiative to conduct a Feasibility Study for a Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol (IP) Network (ESInet) for 9-1-1 and for recently releasing the study for comment by the Virginia 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) community. The study conducted is detailed and comprehensive and for that we are thankful.

As representatives of our region we believe that collaboration between the PSAP's and the E9-1-1 Services Board, VITA, and our public safety partners is vital to develop short-and long-term planning solutions to implement the recommendations as developed by Mission Critical Partners. Working together will cohesively help shape the future of NG91-1 across the Commonwealth. Region 2 specifically supports the recommendations in the study in regards to:

- Enhance and harmonize training and operational standards, supporting continued improvements in 9-1-1 service to the Commonwealth and its citizens
- Support regional and shared-service initiatives and funding to foster interoperability and sound fiscal stewardship of the public funds
- Support enhanced collaboration, both regionally and statewide, formalizing and solidifying interagency relationships, agreements, and mutual aid
- Work with stakeholders across the Commonwealth to adjust (where needed) the composition of the E9-1-1 Services Board and its funding models to align with national best practices and the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth

We look forward to taking the first steps in implementing the recommendations brought forth with this study. Thank you for your dedication to the 9-1-1 and Public Safety Community in the Commonwealth

Respectfully and with appreciation,

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