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The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chair  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2161 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Guthrie:

On behalf of first responders in your district and across the Commonwealth, I thank you for your leadership and service in Congress. In the coming months, your committee will consider reauthorization of FirstNet. As you debate the future of this program, I want to share my experiences with FirstNet here in Kentucky.

Whether in response to repeated tornadic events, the flooding in Eastern Kentucky, the tragic airplane crash in Louisville, or in support of large events like the Kentucky Derby or the recent LS Fest at Beech Bend Raceway here in Bowling Green, FirstNet has become a seamless collaborator as first responders and public safety plan for – and respond – to events in Kentucky.

Agencies across hundreds of Kentucky Communities – including the Bowling Green Police Department – rely on FirstNet for our communications needs.

FirstNet offers operational stability that improves our response to both planned and emergency events. When commercial systems experience outages or heavy congestion, FirstNet allows public safety to maintain continuous communication. And the fleet of deployables provided by FirstNet has repeatedly been on-site and on-air to support increased capacity needs for emergency response events in Kentucky.

As you and your committee consider reauthorization of FirstNet, I hope that the practical and positive real-world experiences my department and many other agencies have had with FirstNet inform your decision-making process.

FirstNet is a critical resource and has certainly proven to be a life-saving support for public safety in Kentucky.

Sincerely,



Chief Michael Delaney, Bowling Green Police Department,  
2024-25 President, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police