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Representative Erin Houchin,

I understand the House E&C Communications Subcommittee has an upcoming hearing on FirstNet. The Seymour Police Department relies on FirstNet network, and we support the FirstNet Authority Reauthorization. Seymour Police Department depends on FirstNet to help our first responders with communication and data, during daily operations and emergencies.

A few years ago, at the Oktoberfest in Seymour, we had a partial building collapse. As our Representative, your aware of the amount of people present at the Oktoberfest. Our first responders had a direct communication link to the outside world, thanks to FirstNet, as other wireless carriers couldn't maintain the volume of traffic on their networks. Seymour Police Officers were able to utilize the FirstNet system, when other administrators and event coordinators had no wireless service, as they stood next to a police officer. This was definitely an eye opening experience to say the least, that FirstNet advertises and delivers on what they have sold to Seymour Police Department.

I, Chief Greg O'Brien, encourage Representative Houchin to support the FirstNet program's continued success.

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