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Senator Kim and Representative Pallone,

On behalf of The New Jersey State Police Superior Officers Association (NJSOA), we respectfully ask that you ensure the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is statutorily reauthorized beyond its 2027 sunset date included in previous legislation.

Our members understand that good partnership is essential to the success of their various missions, and the FirstNet Authority has been a fantastic partner in ensuring that public safety has a voice in how this network is operated and expanded.

We want to emphasize how impactful FirstNet is to our members, their safety, and their ability to carry out their missions. Our organization works to make sure law enforcement has the best working conditions possible – with the best tools possible. FirstNet supports those working conditions by making sure law enforcement can get connected and stay connected no matter the situation. And the oversight public safety has over the network through the FirstNet Authority means we can continue to provide those tools to law enforcement.



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From small towns to our major cities, FirstNet helps allow law enforcement to coordinate daily operations and respond quickly when emergencies occur. New Jersey is a densely populated state, but it also has rural counties too, and cell coverage for both types of terrain specifically set aside for public safety is something America has gotten right. Removing public safety's voice from the network it is the sole user of would be wrong.

Any changes to FirstNet's oversight structure risks all the success that the program has already had in saving lives. We ask you to support legislation to renew the FirstNet Authority this year to avoid any interruptions, because this network and technology are too important to the safety of New Jersey.

We thank you for your consideration.

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