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Senator John Curtis
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Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for FirstNet Reauthorization

The Utah Department of Public Safety strongly supports reauthorizing FirstNet under the original 2012 statutory framework and oppose changes to its governance or management structure. For public safety leaders in Utah and nationwide, FirstNet is a vital daily tool for incident command and responder safety. Its success stems from Congress vesting authority in an independent entity led by public safety practitioners.

Altering this framework risks weakening the practitioner's voice and undermining mission-critical stability. Existing law already ensures accountability through Department of Commerce audits, which provide effective oversight without requiring additional taxpayer funding beyond the original authorization.

As a premier public-private partnership, FirstNet's success relies on preserving its original intent. Any governance changes should occur only through a formal reauthorization process that meaningfully engages the public safety community. We appreciate the Subcommittee's continued commitment to America's first responders.

Sincerely,

Beau Mason
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