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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
United States Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen,

I am writing on behalf of the Nevada Police Union, which has the honor of representing roughly 700 line-level State Police officers, sworn supervisors, dispatchers, and civilian personnel throughout our great state. I'm urging your full support for the reauthorization of the First Responder Network Authority before its statutory sunset arrives in February 2027. The personnel I represent depend on FirstNet to perform their duties effectively, and the residents of Nevada depend on them.

When Congress established the First Responder Network Authority in 2012, the directive was straightforward based on public safety's recommendations: create a single nationwide broadband network that would give first responders dedicated and interoperable communications capable of reaching rural and remote communities, all while maintaining connectivity if commercial networks become overwhelmed during a major incident. What has followed is a successful program that has delivered on that mandate and become foundational to public safety operations across the country.

The geography of Nevada gives those principles immediate, practical meaning. The officers and personnel we represent patrol some of the most remote highway corridors in the country and serve rural communities where the distance between an incident and the nearest backup can be considerable, and where commercial connectivity has historically been unreliable.

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FirstNet has extended dedicated connectivity to localities across the state with Band 14 spectrum, a resource reserved exclusively for public safety use, deployed in rural areas of Nevada for our officers to use and connect with other jurisdictions when needed. For our officers coordinating a remote search and rescue operation or managing an incident response where commercial networks are congested, access to that infrastructure directly successfully impacts the quality and effectiveness of their response.

Advancing timely legislation to reauthorize the FirstNet Authority that honors the program's demonstrated value, preserves public safety's original intent and fulfills Congress' ongoing responsibility to ensure FirstNet continues to serve the public safety mission is paramount.

The Nevada Police Union respectfully urges you to support the swift passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,



Dan Gordon
President
Nevada Police Union

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