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Mr. David Furth
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Dear Mr. Furth:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "Status of the Public Safety Broadband Network."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

Also attached are Member requests made during the hearing. The format of your responses to these requests should follow the same format as your responses to the additional questions for the record.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Thursday, March 17, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Greg Watson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Greg.Watson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: Anna G. Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachments

Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.

Mr. Furth, in your written testimony, you noted the importance of improving 911 systems concurrently with the rollout of FirstNet. Indeed, without improvements to network resiliency, during a disaster a consumer may not be able to call 911, as his or her carrier's network may be down. I have introduced the SANDy Act to make these networks stronger so that our phone service does not go down just when we need it the most.

1. In your view, would passage of the SANDy Act make communications networks more resilient and thus allow more consumers to reach 911 call centers during times of emergency or disaster?
2. Are there any actions the Commission could take without additional legislation that could help improve access to 911 or speed up the arrival of next generation 911 systems?

Attachment 2—Member Requests for the Record

During the hearing, Members asked you to provide additional information for the record, and you indicated that you would provide that information. For your convenience, descriptions of the requested information are provided below.

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis

1. Please provide a list of all meetings between FCC staff or any of the consultants retained to advise the FCC on the restructuring of the FCC Enforcement Bureau field offices and FirstNet regarding the FCC's plan to downsize its field office operations.
2. Please provide copies of any memorandum, notes, analysis, and emails regarding any meetings with FirstNet produced by FCC staff or any of the consultants retained to advise the FCC on the restructuring of the FCC Enforcement Bureau field offices.