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Mike O'Rielly
Commissioner

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Luis M. Benítez Burgós
Local President
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Dear Mr. Burgos,

Thank you for your recent letter detailing the Communications Workers of America's (CWA) proposal for a local bill to protect Puerto Rico's 9-1-1 fees from being diverted to other purposes. We are in agreement that diverting 9-1-1 fees is an abhorrent practice, and that state and territory emergency personnel must have access to the collected 9-1-1 funds to ensure that all American citizens have access to fully functional, reliable, and modern 9-1-1 services during their critical times of need. Sadly, Puerto Rico understands the importance of 9-1-1 services and therefore the consequences of 9-1-1 fee diversion all too well, and I have been reassured that Puerto Rico will end its fee diversion practices by 2018.

In that vein, I want to thank CWA for its work to prevent 9-1-1 fee diversion in Puerto Rico. I have referred your proposed bill to both the Bureau of Public Safety and the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission for a closer review, and I will keep you apprised on any analysis I receive on your legislative language.

Thank you again for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. O'Rielly".

Michael O'Rielly