



Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

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Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner O'Rielly:

First and foremost, I would like to thank you and your staff for the tremendous assistance you have provided on the E-911 fee issue that West Virginia is attempting to resolve. When I became aware that we were ineligible for certain federal funds due to being designated a "diverter" state, I immediately directed my staff to remedy any problems. However, it has been determined that a statutory change is necessary to cease the expenditures from our E-911 revenue that the FCC has deemed diverting.

I am fully committed to addressing this issue. It is my intent to introduce legislation during the Legislature's 2019 Regular Session, which begins in January, that will bring West Virginia's use of E-911 fees into compliance with FCC requirements. My proposal will ensure that 100% of the state's E-911 fee revenue will be directed to local Public Service Answering Points. Our current "diverter" expenditures will be funded through an alternative source.

I look forward to continued collaboration on this issue. Furthermore, I invite you to visit West Virginia as my guest so that you may see first-hand the many telecommunication related challenges that our state faces and to meet the great people in our state that are working diligently to overcome those challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice
Governor