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**CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL STATEMENT ON
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADVANCE FUNDING FOR NEXT-
GEN 911**

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2022—Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Rosenworcel issued the following statement at the conclusion of the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Subcommittee’s markup of several telecommunications related pieces of legislation, including the Spectrum Innovation Act of 2022:

“As the old saying goes, you may only call 911 once in your life, but it will be the most important call you ever make. More than 600,000 people call 911 every day. Every one of those calls should be answered by a call center with full access to digital age technologies. I applaud the Communications and Technology Subcommittee for their leadership on upgrading our nation’s 911 systems and using the auction of our public airwaves to do it. There are more than 6,000 911 call centers across the country and many of them are using legacy technology built for an era when calls in crisis came strictly from landline phones. We can do better than this. We can take the funds from our next spectrum auction to help make next-generation 911 a reality nationwide. I also applaud the Subcommittee for their continued focus on further funding to support the reimbursement program created by the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act. With these efforts, we are demonstrating once again that the safety and security of consumers is a top priority.”

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