STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ANNA GOMEZ

Re: Location-Based Routing for Wireless 911 Calls, PS Docket No. 18-64, Report and Order (January 24, 2024).

Today, we require mobile phone providers to use location-based technology to route 911 calls to the correct PSAP so that emergency responders can go to the right place in an emergency. This could save lives.

I am encouraged that one of the nationwide providers has already transitioned its entire network to using location-based 911 routing because it demonstrates that better 911 call routing is a feasible technical solution for carriers. Today's Report and Order simply sets a deadline for the remaining nationwide providers that have already begun successfully deploying location-based 911 routing in portions of their networks to keep going and to get it done. I am also pleased to see that smaller carriers are allotted a little more time to catch up given the limited resources at their disposal.

Thank you to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for their important work of encouraging the industry to improve the accuracy of 911 call routing with this Report and Order. I approve this item.