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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

9-1-1 dispatchers and call-takers are an essential component of our nation's robust emergency response system. These first responders need Congressional action to give them the employment classification they deserve. On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 1629, the 911 Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services (SAVES) Act, introduced by Representatives Norma Torres and Brian Fitzpatrick.

Each year, Public Safety Telecommunicators field more than 240 million calls for help. Without these highly-skilled workers, firefighters, law enforcement, and EMTs would not be able to do their jobs. Despite their vital role in coordinating life-saving emergency care, Public Safety Telecommunicators are currently classified as clerical employees under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. The 911 SAVES Act would instruct the OMB to reclassify these workers from "Office and Administrative Support Occupations" to "Protective Service Occupations" within the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog. This cost-free legislation would ensure that our nation's 100,000 Public Safety Telecommunicators receive the benefits, funding, and respect that a first responder classification entitles.

The Teamsters urge you to stand up for our Public Safety Telecommunicators by helping to move this legislation forward. To sign on as a cosponsor, please contact

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Mariah Carray (Mariah.Carray@mail.house.gov) in Representative Torres' Office. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Sam Loesche at the Teamsters at (202) 624-6805.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Hoffa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James P. Hoffa  
General President