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Dear Mrs. Flaherty,

The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) wants to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National 911 Program's 911DataPath project.

NAEMT was formed in 1975 and is more than 72,000 members strong. NAEMT is the nation's only organization that represents and serves the professional interests of all EMS practitioners, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, and other professionals providing prehospital and out-of-hospital emergent, urgent or preventive medical care. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, law enforcement, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military. NAEMT serves its members by advocating on issues that impact their ability to provide quality patient care, providing high quality education that improves the knowledge and skills of practitioners, and supporting EMS research and innovation.

The Nation's 9-1-1 system is the gateway to access many essential services and resources during a time of need. These include access to Law Enforcement, Fire Services as well as Emergency Medical Services, which provide both direct clinical care to patients in need as well as serve as a critical entrance pathway into our country's healthcare system.

Upon observing the mission of the National 911 Program, and its various important national efforts, including the 911DataPath project, and upon further research of the program's various other initiatives, we were quite shocked to see little to no representation of either Emergency Medical Services or healthcare's involvement within these important national efforts.

Given that our Nation's 9-1-1 system represents a significant pathway into our homeland's healthcare system through our country's EMS systems of care, we strongly encourage the US DoT NHTSA Office of EMS National 911 Program to consider the expansion of involved stakeholder groups and organizations associated with the National 911 Program, in all of its current and future projects, to include significant representation from both Emergency Medical

Services and related healthcare stakeholders (of which we would be happy to assist in making introductions).

We believe in and support the National 911 Program and feel strongly that adding EMS and healthcare into the mix of represented entities is an important next step in the evolution of the program's mission and efforts.

We stand ready to provide subject matter expert input and make other EMS and healthcare introductions as warranted and we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the 911DataPath project.

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions and we look forward to next steps.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Zavatsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" and last name "Zavatsky" clearly legible.

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