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Testimony on HB 2084
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Chairman Siewert and Members of the Committee:

I write today regarding HB 2084, a bill that would amend the Kansas 911 act.

To avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, AT&T is neutral on the bill. As the members may be aware, the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council selected AT&T as one of the vendors helping deliver next-generation 9-1-1 (NG911) services to the state.

However, AT&T is proud to be part of Kansas' efforts to future-proof its 9-1-1 infrastructure using technology and NG911 solutions, which make it easier to manage emergency calls, help public safety resources go further and allow first responders to focus on what matters most: protecting people and saving lives.

NG911 technologies help position the state to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of residents, first responders and 9-1-1 personnel by enabling:

- More sophisticated capabilities to route calls based on the caller's geographic location;
- Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to manage and route advanced communications like text messaging to 9-1-1; and,
- Access to geographically diverse and redundant call processing locations throughout the country.

Improving emergency communications and helping give Kansas emergency services an advanced network to better meet the needs of residents, first responders and 9-1-1 personnel is important, and we are proud to help the state accomplish these objectives.

We encourage your thoughtful consideration of the Kansas 9-1-1 Coordinating Council's request and thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

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