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The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling  
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1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
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The Honorable Dr. Mark Rosekind  
Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling and Administrator Rosekind:

It has been more than four years since the Next Generation 911 Advancement Act of 2012, which was enacted as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, was signed into law. Intended to improve coordination and communications between Federal, State, and local emergency systems with respect to 911 services, the law also provides for matching grant funding to transition the Nation from today's analog 911 to a Next Generation 911 (NG911) system that uses Internet Protocol based technology. To that end, the law directed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to issue regulations prescribing the criteria for the selection for the grant program "not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of [the law.]" and imposed an annual reporting obligation on NTIA and NHTSA to keep Congress informed of progress in implementing the law's provisions. To date, these directives have not been satisfied.

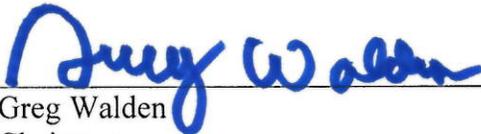
The importance of an effective and robust 911 system and the modernization of that system through the transition to NG911, cannot be understated. We are continually reminded by events like the tragedies in San Bernardino, Orlando, and Baton Rouge of how critical 911

services are in times of crisis. In short, 911 can be the difference between life and death. It is for that reason that the failure to fulfill these statutory directives is particularly unsettling.

To help us better understand why, notwithstanding Congress's clear intent for quick action to promulgate regulations providing needed guidance for potential program grantees and the obligation to keep us informed through the submission of an annual report, we request that you provide, no later than October 12, 2016, an explanation for the failure to satisfy the requirements of the Next Generation 911 Advancement Act of 2012. Additionally, we request that you include in the explanation the timeline for the release of the regulations that will guide the grant program.

Should you have any questions you may contact Gene Fullano of the Committee majority staff at (202) 225-2927, or Matt McMurray of Rep. Eshoo's staff at (202) 225-8104. Thank you for your attention to this critical public safety matter.

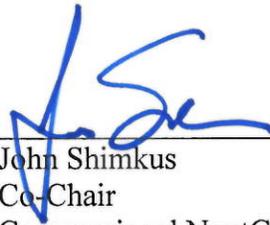
Sincerely,



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