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Kansas State Legislature 911 As First Responders Act

Dear Kansas State Legislators:

In support of the 911 As First Responders Act, and on behalf of the men and women of the Baldwin City, Kansas Police Department, I am writing this letter to show our deepest appreciation for, and endorsement of, Dispatchers designation as First Responders. Dispatchers play a vital role in the First Responder process and are most often a citizen's first contact in times of need, tragedy, and critical incidents.

Dispatchers bear the same burden, as all First Responder, in coping with different stresses associated with their positions. Dispatchers are essential in the duties and services they provide, and all First Responders would not be able to function appropriately without their dedication and professionalism. I am pleased to show the support of the Baldwin City Police Department in this legislation.

Very truly yours,

Mike Pattrick Chief of Police

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