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Sheriff Roger Marcoux, Jr. Chairman
Barbara M. Neal, Executive Director
Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board
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Dear Sheriff Marcoux and Executive Director Neal,

Thank you for sending out a draft of the "Outage Notification Rule" that will be considered at today's Board meeting. I'm unable to "attend" the meeting, but I want to say how much I appreciate efforts of the Board and staff to keep members of the public and other stakeholders informed as the rule has been revised and to solicit their input.

The proposed rule you'll vote on today has been refined and improved through your openness and responsiveness to public input. In particular, I believe Section 6 regarding disclosure of reported information under the Vermont Public Records Act has achieved a better balance between availability to local officials and the public and the confidentiality concerns of providers, and I urge you to adopt it in its current form.

Let me express my appreciation also to the Subcommittee for its thoughtful consideration last week of the rule and its suggested changes in the version that you have before you today. I look forward to staying engaged in discussion of this important outage reporting proposal as it again moves through the formal rulemaking process.

Best regards,

Jonathan Gibson
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