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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ON NATIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

Dear Public Safety Telecommunicator:

As Co-chair of the Congressional 9-1-1 Caucus, I send heartfelt thanks and warm greetings to everyone observing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, sponsored by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA).

Issues of homeland security, natural disasters, and the daily emergencies that are part of our nation's every day reality remind us of the importance of our public safety communications professionals. Telecommunications professionals are the first line of communication with the public, from a hurricane or terrorist threat to a local 9-1-1 emergency, providing our citizens with a soothing voice, a steady hand, and life-saving information. This nation's public safety communications personnel display tremendous courage every day and their efforts merit recognition.

Many Americans have experienced the skill and compassion of public safety communications professionals first hand. For so many, 9-1-1 has become synonymous with rapid response, poise under pressure, and aid in times of distress. They are truly life savers who deserve to be recognized for their commitment and dedication.

I commend you for your dedication and your commitment to excellence. I am confident that your hard work and your spirit of public service will continue to enhance the quality of emergency care in America and help us be a safer society in the face of the challenges before us.

You have my thanks and my best wishes for a memorable week.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senator