

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL E-911 CAUCUS  
HELP SAVE LIVES

February 21, 2003

Dear Colleague:

When our constituents dial 9-1-1 on a traditional landline phone, the dispatcher automatically receives the precise location information of the caller, including the telephone number and street address. But . . . did you know that if the call is made from a wireless phone, the dispatcher generally cannot identify the caller's exact location?

Enhanced 911(E-911) technologies can solve this problem and eliminate delays that can mean the difference between life and death. We must make the location technology offered by E-911 an integral part of our nation's emergency communications backbone.

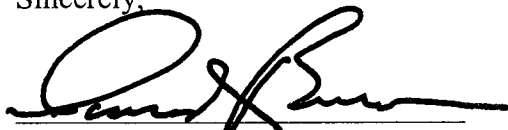
To accomplish this goal we're proud to announce the formation of the *Congressional E-911 Caucus* and urge your participation. The E-911 Caucus will play an important role in promoting E-911 policies and accelerating the deployment of E-911 nationwide. We'll move with determination so that the location of a victim is always made available to emergency personnel, and the best technology becomes part of our nation's wireless system. With 156,000 wireless emergency calls being made each day, the American people should have technology that prevents injury or death.

In addition to Members of Congress, we're also inviting the participation of national public safety associations such as the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). We're also inviting private sector participation from the telecommunications and technology companies that provide the network and data platforms for E-911.

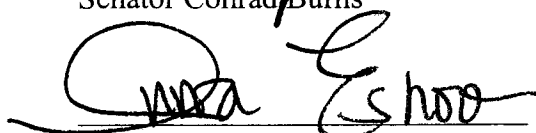
In this spirit we ask you to join us in this special undertaking. As part of our obligation to act in the public interest and on behalf of public safety, we have to do everything possible to assure the American public that we have the very best emergency communications capabilities.

To join the E-911 Caucus or learn more about it, you can contact Mike Rawson (4-2644), Anil Kakani (4-4451), Nick Kolovos (5-8104), or Courtney Anderson (5-5271) of our staffs.

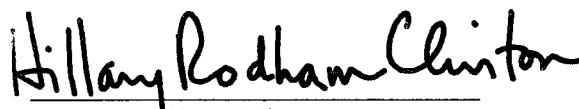
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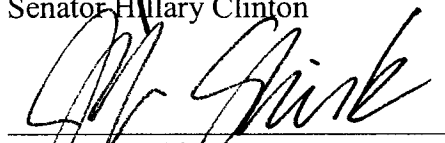
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