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Dear Honourable Ministers,

We are writing to support the establishment of a nation-wide Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Governance entity in Canada. Across all levels of Canadian first responders, and provincial governments, support has never been higher. Given the significant focus on emergency management, public safety and national security in the federal government's mandate, we are requesting approval and funding for the creation of a PSBN Governance entity in this year's federal budget.

The nation's first responder community, consisting of police, fire and paramedic services, is united and unanimous in calling for the urgent establishment of a national not-for-profit governance authority that will provide the leadership and guidance in support of nationwide interoperability and adherence to all PSBN principles, as outlined in Public Safety Canada's final TNCO report of 2022.

The PSBN should be a critical part of the government's infrastructure plans to support emergency management, public safety and national security. It would also address some of the highest priority goals identified in the budget and Public Safety Canada's Canadian Core Capabilities List.

- Reinvesting in Defence and Security;
- investing to build major nation-building projects;
- Increasing Competition in Canada's Telecom Sector
- Priority 4 of the Emergency Management Strategy for Canada: Toward a Resilient 2030

Without reservation, the time to act is now. Such a network will provide the security backbone across our nation that will feed, share and support all those dedicated to protecting our borders, communities, the people and critical infrastructure that exist within them — a single interoperable communication source that will bond and unify our provinces and territories from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

We urge the federal government to put focus now to establishing a National PSBN – through establishment of a governance entity, with funding, and operating terms - in consultation with public safety. We see this initiative as one that would substantially support, bolster, and demonstrate Canada’s dedication to its safety, security, and sovereignty.

Sincerely,

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