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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### **RE: Senate Bill 838 - Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System**

Dear Senator Kelly and Committee Members:

The Maryland Emergency Number Systems Board (ENSB or Board) was created to provide stewardship of Maryland's 9-1-1 Trust Fund, and to provide oversight to Maryland's 9-1-1 system. This includes reviewing and approving/disapproving county 9-1-1 plans and requests for funding for 9-1-1 system enhancements. The Board meets monthly in public session to consider these requests, and also in its established subcommittees.

Senate Bill 838 changes the composition of the Board effective October 1, 2020. Specifically, the bill eliminates 10 established Board positions, and adds 12 new positions. Of the membership of today's Board, only seven (7) current voting members will remain on the Board.

Each Board member is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. This is done each legislative session with the "Green Bag" appointments. It has been the ENSB Office of the Executive Director's experience that new members may not serve on the Board, nor vote on county requests, until the member is confirmed by the Senate and sworn in by their local Clerk of the Court. As such, it is likely that the Board will need to function with seven (7) members until the new members are appointed, confirmed and sworn.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the ENSB Office of the Executive Director that changes to Board membership not occur until July 1, 2021 to allow new members to be properly vetted, appointed and confirmed.

If you have any questions, or if I can provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 339 – 6305.

Sincerely,

*Scott G. Roper*

Executive Director