



# City of Bowie

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## City of Bowie Testimony for HB0509

The City of Bowie would like to commend you for recognizing the importance of 9-1-1 Specialists in House Bill 0509 and for giving them their long overdue recognition as First Responders.

In order to ensure that this recognition extends to all 9-1-1 Specialists, we are requesting an amendment to the definition in Section (O) that specifies a 9-1-1 Specialist working in a county public safety answering point. By limiting this definition to a “county public safety point” it is excluding the hundreds of 9-1-1 Specialists that fulfill these duties daily at the local government level across the State of Maryland.

These women and men face the same stressors and challenges as their county counterparts and are truly worthy of the same level of recognition.

Thank you for your consideration of revising this definition to include municipal 9-1-1 Specialists and for acknowledging their vital work.

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