

## **iCERT Positions on Federal Public Safety Legislation – 116<sup>th</sup> Congress**

This document provides a summary of legislation introduced in the **116<sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2020)** that may impact the emergency response sector and for which iCERT has taken a formal position. iCERT's support relates to the legislation as of April 2020 and may be modified if the legislation is subsequently amended.

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### **Bills Related to the Reclassification of 911 Telecommunicators**

#### **H.R.1629 & S.1015: "Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2019" ("SAVES Act")**

**Bill Overview:** These bills were introduced in March/April 2019 and each enjoys bipartisan support. The two bills are identical, directing the Office of Management and Budget to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System. The bills are broadly supported by APCO, NENA, NASNA, and other 911 representatives.

iCERT supports both bills.

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### **Bills Related to the Repeal of T-Band Provisions / Bills Related to 911 Fee Diversion**

#### **H.R.451 & S.2748: "Don't Break Up the T-Band Act of 2019"**

**Bill Overview:** These bills were introduced in 2019, and both enjoy bipartisan support. These bills would repeal Section 6103 of the Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, which requires the FCC to reallocate the T-Band spectrum from public safety to commercial use by Feb. 2021 and requires public safety users to clear out of the spectrum by Feb. 2023. H.R.451 was marked up by the House Subcommittee on Communications & Technology on Mar. 10, 2020 and amended to include the 911 fee diversion provisions from H.R.5928 (described below). The amended bill was approved by the Subcommittee and sent back to the full House Energy & Commerce Committee.

iCERT supports H.R.451, which is currently expected to be the vehicle in the House for addressing both T-Band and 911 fee diversion.

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