

February 14, 2015

House Committee on Appropriations  
Attn: Theresa Utton-Jerman  
One Baldwin Street  
Montpelier VT 05633-5701

Re: Reduction of 911 dispatchers

Dear Ms. Utton-Jerman,

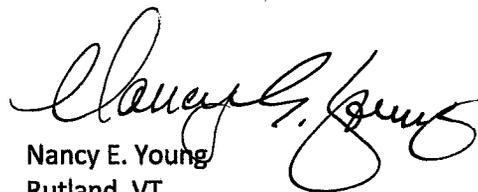
I understand that the appropriations committee is looking to eliminate 911 dispatchers in the State of Vermont bringing the number down to 2 offices.

I pray every day that my family, friends or I will never need to make use of a 911 call. However the 911 service was created for emergencies for every one and there are times that it is necessary. By eliminating dispatch offices throughout the state money would certainly be saved, but at what cost to the taxpayer in need.

From the explanation I received, there would be an office in the northern part of the state and in the south east section (amazingly when Governor Shumlin is from!!) That leaves a lot of territory untended when there is an emergency such as nor'easters that come through on a regular basis, or hurricanes which fortunately are not the norm. That is only taking into consideration the possibility of two natural disasters. What happens when the dispatchers are so overwhelmed, people in emergency situations, for example domestic violence or child abuse, are put on hold?!

As a taxpayer, I am all for saving money. Perhaps if some legislative perks were eliminated, you might find the money to keep a much needed service.

Respectfully submitted,



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Rutland, VT

Below are signatures of taxpayers who feel as I do:

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