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SB-62, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CT PUBLIC SAFETY DATA NETWORK

Sen. Hartley and Rep, Dargan, members of the Public Safety Committee, I am Sal Annunziato, Managing Principal of NexGen, a public safety software solutions company headquartered in East Haven, Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of **SB-62, An Act Concerning the CT Public Safety Data Network.**

SB-62 will provide the state with a solid footprint for finalizing implementation of the Connecticut Public Safety Data Network to improve connectivity throughout the state to enhance public safety. It will do this by: 1) consolidating stand-alone networks; 2) enhancing 9-1-1 data exchange functionality; 3) connecting all public safety responders; and 4) providing for the convergence of data and voice.

All public safety first responding agencies will be able to transmit digital information across a fiber optic IP based platform. This will resolve concerns regarding network speed, redundancy, interoperability, and data sharing to enhance the delivery of crucial data to public safety responders. NexGen utilizes the Connecticut Public Safety Data Network in providing software solutions to meet the public safety needs of state agencies and municipalities throughout Connecticut. Our products and services are utilized by public safety officers in 114 out of 169 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, along with the University of Connecticut's Main Campus and Central Connecticut University Police.

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As such, NexGen understands the vital importance of completing implementation of the Connecticut Public Safety Network. Through our Law Enforcement Administrative System, NexGen provides a full interactive operations suite integrating Computer Aided Dispatching, Records Management System, Mobile Data Terminals, Vehicle Location Systems, and Electronic Citations. For example, mobile applications allow police officers to complete and submit paperwork from their cruisers, ensuring that they can maintain a strong police presence in the community and not be stuck at their desks, swamped with paperwork. Nothing stops crime like the presence of police.

The Connecticut Public Safety Data Network provides the platform for these technologies which improve the efficiency and work flow of the departments so the focus stays on the pursuit of public safety's mission: to work together to keep citizens safe.

NexGen therefore urges the committee to support SB-62 to move Connecticut toward full implementation of a data network that improves connectivity and data sharing to ensure that public safety responders have the information they need to respond quickly to protect the safety of Connecticut citizens.

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