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Hello Co-Chairs Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety committee.

I could not be there in person due my attendance at a funeral but wanted to provide you with a brief description and intent of bill HB6015 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR THE DISPATCH OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO 9-1-1 CALLS.

The purpose of the bill is to make sure a municipality doesn't charge fees to landlords/property owners for their properties receiving several 911 calls. The result could lead to tenants being told the cost would be passed on to them. This could lead to people not making a much needed 911 call that could save a life. The intent of the bill is to prevent such fees which might dissuade anyone from making an emergency call because they believe they might get charged for it.

The intent of this bill is **not** to prevent fees that a fire department might charge for emergency training exercises or first responder calls.

Also, the intent of this bill is **not** to prevent police departments from charging a fee for multiple false security alarms in a given year.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Butler

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