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This testimony is submitted by Robert De Cosmo, president of the CT Property Owners Alliance Inc.

Our members own and operate 13,000 plus apartment units in Connecticut including 1,600 units in the city of New Britain.

We strongly support HB #6015 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR THE DISPATCH OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO 9-1-1

We support this bill because no human life should ever be exposed to injury or risk because a city recklessly increased its spending and can't balance its books.

The New Britain ordinance charging fees for 911 calls is the driving force behind this legislative proposal. The ordinance in New Britain is called the "911 Hot Spot Fee," which is short-sighted in logic and just a "Money Grab."

Our members are concerned that charging fees for placing 911-calls will produce tragic consequences including the potential for loss of human life!

Additionally, we request this bill be fast tracked through the legislature and signed into law by the Governor to preserve the public's safety.

The very notion of somebody having to pay a fee or fine for calling 911 is incredulous because:

- We already pay a surcharge on our phone bill to provide this free service to all CT residents
- Police, Fire and other emergency services are paid locally by property taxes
- Any Nuisance or complaint mentioned in the New Britain ordinance is already covered by the Nuisance Abatement Law and handled by the Chief State Attorney's Office

Please help the residents of New Britain and pass HB #6015 so no human life is put at risk, both my members and I urge your support.

Sincerely,

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