



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman
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Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building
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SB 426-AAC SUSPENDING AND EVALUATING THE CONSOLIDATION OF DISPATCH CENTERS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
The Department opposes the legislation as Commissioner Schriro has already suspended any further dispatch consolidation and is in the process of a full review of the project.

This bill suspends the consolidation of dispatch centers within the Division of State Police and requires the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to submit an evaluation of the consolidation of such dispatch centers.

Thank you for your interest in this important issue. As you may know, early in my first month in office, I suspended the consolidation of the Central District dispatch pending completion of a thorough review of the statewide initiative. I did so to revisit its underlying assumptions and assess its implementation and impact on community and staff safety. The review is well underway and will be completed as quickly as possible. It encompasses site visits, interviews with staff and other stakeholders, the collection of data and an assessment of costs and benefits. In the coming weeks, I will be providing Governor Malloy with a briefing on my findings including recommendations. It would be premature to take legislative action before completion of this comprehensive review.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the legislation before you today. But for a prior commitment, I would have appeared before you. I welcome your input and look forward to working with you on achieving the best possible outcomes for Connecticut's communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dora Schriro".

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