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SB 487

Chairman Fagg and members of the committee.

SB487 is the result of the Post Audit that came out on the 911 system. On page 13 it stated "the Kansas Hosted Call Handling System is ideally suited to support consolidation of PSAPs which would be transparent to the 911 caller. However, consolidation momentum has slowed since there is some uncertainty regarding future Council disbursements for 911 to consolidating jurisdictions." They went on to indicate the Legislature could clarify this in the Act.

I worked with Senator Francisco to help clarify the consolidation issue. I wanted to make sure that counties had the option to contract with other counties PSAPs for either full or part time services. We wanted to ensure Commissioners were involved in any MOU's between the counties PSAPs. I am aware the Council is working on major legislation regarding 911 issues. I felt this one issue of consolidation was important to help our PSAPs to continue to provide excellent service at a low cost.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Mike Petersen
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