Chairman Burkhard and members of the Political Subdivisions Committee, for the record my name is Becky Ault, Director of the Grand Forks Public Safety Answering Point, and Co-Chair of the ND 911 Association Legislative Committee. I urge support of HB1206, which is a bill to amend century code relating to emergency services communications systems.

Our 911 Association worked closely with the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee (ESC3) to review NDCC 57-40.6 to update language to current terminology, as technology has evolved. We also worked with the ESC3 to ensure there was clarification in the code regarding use of 911 fees, as well as clarification regarding outdated requirements for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to obtain information from wireless providers and to distribute contact information to each PSAP.

This bill will clarify and improve the coordination and function of our emergency services systems and ensure that our respective political subdivisions understand how the 911 fee revenue may be used.

We urge your support of this bill. Thank you for all your assistance and support for 911 and emergency communications systems.