

TESTIMONY OF  
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Good morning Chairman Monson and members of the committee. My name is Daniel Haugen and I serve as the superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 1016.

The appropriations outlined in HB 1016 are essential for advancing the operational capabilities of State Radio and ensuring the critical infrastructure several law enforcement agencies rely upon remains robust, reliable, and secure. The funding requested for the SIRN-compatible logger/recorder and improvements to the Message Switch/OpenFox system addresses significant vulnerabilities in the current framework. These updates will eliminate single points of failure, enhancing system redundancy and ensuring uninterrupted communication during emergencies.

The proposed SIRN-compatible logger will significantly improve State Radio's ability to retrieve and analyze communication data. It will allow them to seamlessly pull audio from 9-1-1 calls, radio traffic, and individual officer streams. This granular capability ensures greater situational awareness and precise event reconstruction. The system can overlay all communication streams from an event, which is invaluable for incident review, accountability, and operational efficiency. These advancements directly benefit law enforcement agencies by providing enhanced protection, streamlined communication, and better tools to ensure the safety of our officers and the communities we serve.

I respectfully ask for your support in securing these critical investments for the future of our shared operations.