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## **911 SAVES Act Passage Overdue**

*iCERT Joins Major Public Safety Organizations Recommending Vote*

**Washington, D.C., July 9, 2019** — The Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (“iCERT”) expresses its strong support for the 911 SAVES Act, a bill introduced in the U.S. Senate (S. 1015) and the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 1629). The 911 SAVES Act recognizes the critical role provided by our nation’s 9-1-1 telecommunicators, and appropriately requires these jobs to be reclassified as “protective services.” Enacting this legislation is long overdue.

“During times of emergency, our nation’s 911 systems operated by 911 telecommunicators are at the heart of emergency response. They deserve our support and respect, and the 911 SAVES Act recognizes just how important these professionals are to the process. iCERT joins the many other voices in public safety urging Congress to pass this vital legislation,” noted Kim Robert Scovill, the Industry Council’s [Executive Director](#).

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (MN) and Richard Burr (NC), both longstanding public safety advocates, introduced S. 1015. U.S. Representatives Norma J. Torres (CA-35), the only former 9-1-1 dispatcher serving in Congress, and Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1), introduced the identical H.R. 1629. The bipartisan SAVES Act would reclassify 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers from “Office and Administrative Support Occupations” to “Protective Service Occupations” in the Office of Management and Budget Standard Occupational Classification catalog. [link to the legislation <https://bit.ly/2KQRJOI>].

Since its founding in 2005, iCERT remains the exclusive provider-only trade association championing commercial emergency response technology organizations. iCERT improves the public safety ecosystem through continuous new funding advocacy, ensuring that the needs and views of commercial technology providers are recognized and accommodated by all levels of government, driving continuous technology improvements, education, and helping our members reach their organic and marketplace growth objectives.

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### **About Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies**

The Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (“iCERT”) is the voice of commercial enterprises in the field of critical communications and emergency response technologies. iCERT plays an important role in addressing public policy issues impacting funding, regulation, and impact of vendors in the emergency calling, communications and response ecosystem. iCERT members understand that business leaders’ expertise can assist public

policymakers and agency professionals as they address complex choices regarding advanced communications technology alternatives. Find out more at [www.theindustryCouncil.org](http://www.theindustryCouncil.org).

### iCERT's Mission

iCERT; 1) advocates for more and new public safety funding, 2) petitions all levels of government to insure that the needs and views of commercial technology providers be recognized and accommodated, 3) helps to grow members' organic revenue, partnerships, and total market share with exclusive and unique iCERT business-to-business internal opportunities, 4) promotes understanding and adoption of advanced technologies in all public safety sectors - NG9-1-1, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Location Technologies, Communications Networks, CAD, Cloud-Based Systems, LTE, LMR, Recording, Dispatch, and Cybersecurity (to name a few); and 5) helps ensure that issues that unfairly burden or impede the introduction of new public safety / response technologies to the marketplace are explained and accommodated before decisions are made by federal, state, and local regulators.

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