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June 12, 2024

Lewis County Board of County Commissioners  
351 NW North St  
Chehalis, WA 98531

RE: Support of 911 Sales & Use Tax Ballot Measure

We the undersigned, write to you today in support of a ballot measure for a 911 Sales and Use tax as defined by Washington RCW 82.14.420. As defined in the RCW, "Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities."

The current funding model relies solely on fees gathered from user agencies; those agencies themselves are faced with financial burdens that hamper their own operations. Furthermore, it is not in the best interest in the long-term for 911 to be reliant solely on user agency funding. As a necessary and vital public service, 911 to the extent possible should be independently funded to ensure ongoing stable operations.

We recognize that it is ultimately up to the will of the people of Lewis County to support this initiative; but we do ask that the Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County support presenting the option to the public. We support the proposition of 2/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent option for the sales tax.

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