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Dear Mr. Dame,

Re: First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) Board Nomination of Everett Kaneshige.

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) is pleased to submit this letter of nomination for Everett Kaneshige, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), Hawaii Office of Homeland Security, for the open seat on the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) Board.

Everett Kaneshige represents the collective interests of public safety communications in his home state, as well as in his role on the Federal Communications Commission's Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC), where he has represented NATOA's local government membership since September 2021.

Mr. Kaneshige is also the representative for his state on the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC) through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) where he coordinates activities designed to ensure the highest level of public safety communications and to enhance the response capabilities of public safety responders by coordinating and collaborating with federal, state, local, and tribal public safety agencies and non-governmental organizations. In addition, he chairs the Advisory Committee for the State of Hawaii's Enhanced 911 Board.

Everett Kaneshige was appointed Statewide Interoperability Coordinator for the State of Hawaii in 2017 and previously served as Hawaii's Chief Strategy Officer for Broadband and Telecommunications. In that role, Mr. Kaneshige was responsible for the development and implementation of Hawaii's Broadband Strategic Plan. He also co-lead with the Departments of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Office of Information Management & Technology on various broadband infrastructure and adoption projects. Previously, he served as the Deputy Director for Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Deputy Attorney General advising the state's Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism and the High Technology Development Corporation.

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Mr. Kaneshige's background includes 30+ years as an attorney specializing in real estate and telecommunications. He serves as a course writer and instructor for Hawaii's Real Estate Commission on topics such as technology, condominiums, and broker and salesperson licensing. In 1999, he co-founded a software company which pioneered accessing real estate listing information on mobile wireless devices in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands, and Canada.

Everett Kaneshige is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and the University of California Hastings College of Law. He has also served as an officer and director for local charities; including Ronald McDonald House of Hawaii and Hawaii Meals on Wheels.

Everett Kaneshige was appointed as the SWIC for the State of Hawaii in March 2017. Prior to his appointment, he served as Hawaii's Chief Strategy Officer for Broadband and Telecommunications where he was responsible for the development and implementation of the state's Broadband Strategic Plan. He also co-lead with the Departments of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Office of Information Management & Technology on various broadband infrastructure and adoption projects. Previously, he served as the Deputy Director for Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Deputy Attorney General advising the state's Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism and the High Technology Development Corporation.

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On behalf of our nation's local governments, NATOA strongly recommends the appointment of Everett Kaneshige to the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) Board where, we are confident, he will be a valued contributor on behalf of urban and rural local governmental jurisdictions and the public safety needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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

Mike Lynch

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