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Dear Director Nix,

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with GEMA Director Bryson and me on Monday, October 23, 2017.

As we discussed at the meeting, O.C.G.A. 46-5 et seq. provides for the Department of Revenue's collection and distribution of certain fees to local 9-1-1 operating systems. The amounts distributed to local 9-1-1 systems in October of 2017 were significantly less the amounts distributed for the prior fiscal year. The total amount of the recent distribution was \$14.9 million, approximately 25% less than the total October 2016 distribution. The reduction in the current year distribution is the result of a refund claim duly filed with the Department of Revenue. Following the review and validation of the refund claim, the Department issued the refund. As these collected funds had been previously distributed to local governments, payment of a refund claim by the Department requires a reduction in future distributions made to the local governments for 9-1-1 purposes.

Confidentiality statutes prohibit the disclosure of additional details of the refund claim and subsequent payment. The Department will share any information determined by the General Assembly to be acceptable in the administration of its duties, and looks forward to working with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority to establish best practices associated with management of the 9-1-1 fee program.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as a member of the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide further assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

Lynne Riley
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