

Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery
of
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Ranking Member Doris Matsui**

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Thank you, Chairman Hudson. I appreciate that we are marking up bipartisan legislation today to strengthen public safety communications. In an emergency, there's no time to waste. Whether it's a parent trying to get help for their child, an older adult needing help after a fall, or a wildfire closing in—people deserve absolute confidence that a call to 9-1-1 will go through.

That's why today's markup matters, and I'm proud to work with Congressman Bilirakis on two bills before us. I look forward to advancing these bills today. And I'm committed to continuing this work to improve public safety as a whole, from strengthening resiliency and outage reporting to getting Next Generation 9-1-1 fully funded and deployed.

With that, I yield back