



To: Honorable Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

From: NFIB, Michigan Chamber, Grand Rapids Chamber, Michigan Manufacturer's Association, Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association, Michigan Retailers Association, Telecommunications Association of Michigan, Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, Small Business Association of Michigan

Date: May 21, 2019

Re: HB 4249 (H-2) Multi-line phone system 911 Requirement - Neutral

HB 4249 addresses an issue dating back to PA 165 of 2007, which gave rule making authority to the PSC to promulgate rules in consultation with the State 9-1-1 Committee requiring Multi Line Telephone System (MLTS) operators to install the necessary equipment and software enabling 9-1-1 calls to transmit specific locations inside their building.

Because of complications with rulemaking and standards, the rules, which were set to go into effect at the end of December 31, 2011, have been postponed by the legislature twice (PA 271 of 2011 and PA 244 of 2016). Currently, the rules requiring all buildings over 7000 square feet containing MLTSs is set to go into effect January 1, 2020.

What you have before you in the H-2 substitute is the result of conversations and compromise between the public safety and business community. While these bills impose costs on businesses by potentially requiring new phone systems, we believe this substitute reflects a good faith effort to address both the public safety concerns and reduce the costs imposed by current law. Because of this, **our organizations have all taken positions of neutral.**

Please feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions. Thank you for your support of a strong business climate in Michigan.