



# Michigan Communication Directors Association

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Subject: Michigan Communication Directors Association (MCDA) is strongly **OPPOSED** to SB 878 (April 13, 2106), as proposed by Senator Shirkey and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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The MCDA represents Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) directors, managers, and supervisors of Michigan's 911 centers. We have more than 100 members from all diverse regions within the State of Michigan representing 911 Authorities, as well as State, County, and local communities.

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SB878 seeks to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled "Emergency 9-1-1 service enabling act," section 405 (MCL484.1405), as amended by 2011 PA 271. This bill language is proposing to reduce the availability of location based services within buildings using multiline telephone systems (MLTS) by only requiring dispatchable location information for 911 service be applied to buildings with an occupied area more than 40,000 square feet.

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The only purpose of the current MLTS language was to provide a "dispatchable location" for a person needing access to 911 public safety services. Accurate location information provided from the MLTS operator to the PSAP ensures life saving services are being directed to where they are needed. Access to 911 services is **reduced** by allowing MLTS operators to use a generic building address only, in which hundreds of telephone locations in offices, workspaces, and common areas are located- and is dangerous causing delays in emergent care.

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MPSC Rules 484.901-484.906 clearly define the building types and square footage requirements, and is directly contradicted by SB 878. Currently the square footage identifies 7,000 square feet as the minimum area to provide location information, by increasing this to 40,000 square feet the effectiveness of 911 services and the ability of first responders to locate those who need help is greatly diminished.

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Membership of the MCDA requests that SB878, be **OPPOSED** by the Committee on Commerce, to ensure that any person calling 911 within the building types afforded to in current legislation, can be located quickly by first responders and provided emergency medical, police, and fire assistance.

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