



## Letter of Support for 911 Services Consolidation

April 18, 2026

Jason Husby  
911 State Coordinator  
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Dear Jason Husby,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the past year, Lake County has been collaborating with Miner County to explore the potential consolidation of our 911 services. This initiative has been the focus of extensive work aimed at ensuring the success of such a joint venture. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Miner County Commission, Miner County Emergency Services, Lake County 911, and Lake County Commission, we are now entering the next phase of consideration for this collaborative project.

As Lake County evaluates the feasibility of this consolidation without disrupting existing services, it has become evident that a consensus is necessary among all involved parties regarding the implementation process. A critical component of this project is the upgrade of equipment in Lake County to align with state priorities regarding consolidated efforts. Similarly, some modifications will be required in Miner County to optimize the current communication systems. These changes are essential to enhance communication efficiencies across all entities involved. Given the frequent interactions between Lake County EMS and Miner County, the anticipated merger promises to bolster the safety and response capabilities for emergency service workers and those in need of services, including travelers passing through the area.

District 8, which comprises Lake and Miner Counties as well as Kingsbury and Brookings, stands to benefit significantly from this initiative. The potential merger of the 911 centers offers residents invaluable experiences and cost savings, a testament to the positive impact of such a public safety enhancement.

In light of these developments, I am writing to express my support for this project and to kindly request your assistance in securing funding for the necessary equipment upgrades.

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Your backing would be instrumental in advancing this area of growth, which we believe is a progressive move for the community.

Thank you for considering this request, and for your continued dedication to enhancing public safety across the state.

Sincerely,

Representative Tim Walburg  
District 8  
Madison SD