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Thank you to the committee for reading this testimony. I am Herbert Paul Gray, the Grant County Emergency Manager and project manager for the Grant County Public Safety Communications Network.

Grant County is asking for \$650,000 for our failing public safety communications network. This system is for our first responders, to include all local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, multiple volunteer fire departments, and EMS services. This system is in dire need of replacement and parts have already begun to fail. Without funding, we will start losing this resource needed to keep the communications link between dispatch and all our first responders during emergencies in the field. As a secondary function, this new system will become a link in an Eastern Oregon Regional Communications System, linking multiple counties during a regional or state-wide event; such as a Cascadia Earthquake, or any event where phone lines or 911 trunk lines go down.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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