

**To: 911 Telecommunicators Pension Benefits Working Group**

We, the undersigned, Detention Deputies of Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, oppose the addition of 911 Telecommunicators to the PERA Correctional Plan.

We believe that adding this group to our plan would dilute our pension plan and is an unreasonable extension of the terms of the plan.

The original reason for a separate plan for Correctional Officers was because of our physical working environment and proximity to danger, on a daily basis.

We spend a great deal of our workday with direct contact with inmates who could, and can, assault us at any time.

Most of us have been directly assaulted by inmates, physically or verbally, nearly all of us have been a witness to an assault on other staff. Assaults ranging from verbal threats, physical assaults causing injury, sometimes lasting or permanent, having bodily fluids and other substances thrown at us and many other kinds of physical and emotional trauma.

We have worked for many years to become vested in the pension plan, seven years in HCSO.

Every single one of us has been affected by COVID, either being ill with it or covering shifts for those that were sick. We have been in direct close proximity to sick and confirmed COVID positive inmates. This in turn has led us being subject to testing and exposures on a daily basis, effecting both us and out families.

Every single one had to deal with unrest of the summer of 2020 and the ensuing trial this last spring. We have similar high-profile trials coming up in future months

While we understand and appreciate the difficulties of the Telecommunicator and we in no way belittle or demean the stress their profession has. However, there can be no reasonable or direct comparison of the work we carry out as Correctional Officers with those of a Telecommunicator.

By the very nature of our work, we have close and daily physical contact with dangerous and violent offenders. We are not remotely involved by phone or radio, we are there, in person, physically on the scene, all of the time.

**We urge the committee to reject the inclusion of 911 Telecommunicator into the Correctional pension plan.**

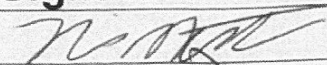
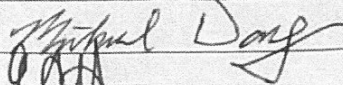
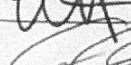
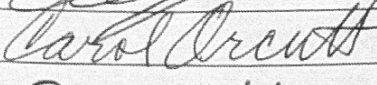
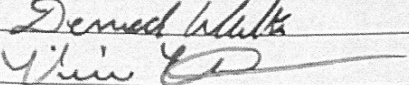
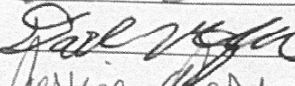
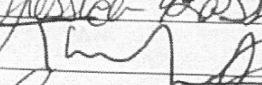

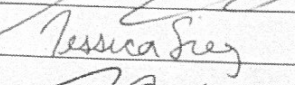


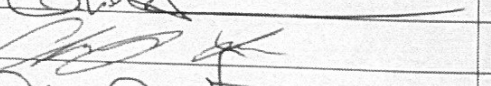


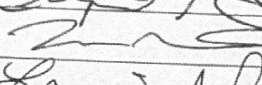
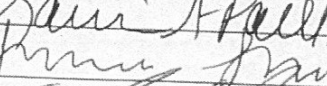
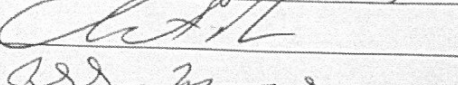
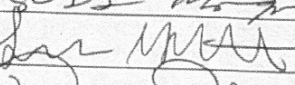
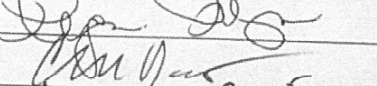
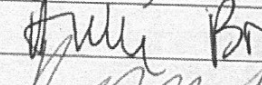
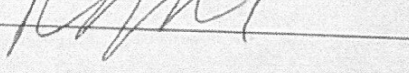
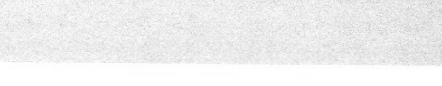


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Matthew Schilling		11/6/21
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Lee Xiong		11-6-21
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DAVID BERRENS		11-6-21
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Jacquelyn General	Matthew Paavola	11-7-21
Matthew Durette	Jacquelyn General	11-07-21
Benita Perrell		10-7-21
Kyle Karstens		11-7-21
Matt Pringie		11-7-21
Ed Chusmer	Matt Pringie	11-7-21
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Brandon Thone		11-7-2021
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Vivian Easter		11/7/21
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Jennifer Archuleta		11/7/21
Jessica Sieg		11/7/2021
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