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SENATOR ENGEL: I think basically you're right. I think the mail address could be, you know, I don't know,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...but, yeah, you're right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Some minor discrepancies aside.

SENATOR ENGEL: Yeah, yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If that's the case, then why can't this be taxed locally since it is basically a local service?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, well, I guess,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean we tax the original 911 locally.

SENATOR ENGEL: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And we got them across the state now. It can be done that way. It is a local service. Why isn't this being done that way?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, the FCC has...came down with the requirement that the...and this probably isn't going to answer your question, that the...these wireless carriers have to provide technology so that these PSAPs and so forth can set this up in their areas, you know, to cover the whole state or whoever desires it. But why it isn't set up, I think part of it is, you know, everybody...most everybody has a land-based telephone. The wireless are discretionary, you know. I mean, you know, everything becomes a necessity after you use it for a while. But as far as a...as a...most of it, it's...for most people it's really not a necessity to have a wireless; it's a convenience. And the thing is the way they feel is by paying this 50 cent fee into a fund that you have a little more control over the cost also, because if the wireless are going to provide it, they can charge whatever they want to put it in, normally, I suppose. This is going to kind of limit basically how much the people are