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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Notice – WT Docket No. 02-55
Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find an *ex parte* written submission in the above-referenced docket. The document originally was submitted to the Commission on May 29, 2003, by the 800 MHz User Coalition, a broad cross-section of users of the 800 MHz band. As noted in that filing, additional parties were expected to join the Coalition. The Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (“CTIA”), along with Cingular Wireless and Verizon Wireless, now join the 800 MHz User Coalition in support of an alternative proposal to the so-called “Consensus Plan” being considered by the Commission.

CTIA, Verizon Wireless and Cingular Wireless believe that the 800 MHz User Coalition’s proposal will provide a more effective solution to the 800 MHz problem than other options. It is a proactive and effective approach that is much less expensive and less burdensome than other options now before the Commission. Additionally, the 800 MHz User Coalition proposal confirms that no spectrum giveaway in the 1.9 GHz band is necessary to solve interference issues in the 800 MHz band.

The “Balanced Approach” developed by the 800 MHz User Coalition consists of three sections: a statement of principles; a set of specific procedures for identifying and eliminating interference to incumbent users; and suggested specific changes to the technical rules for the 806-824/851-869 MHz frequency band to prevent future harmful interference to Public Safety and other licensees operating in the band.



This Notice is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.
If there are any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Diane Cornell

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Attachment

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