

December 2, 2003

Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Docket 02-55

Dear Chairman Powell:

Public safety radio interference is of paramount concern to Law Enforcement Agencies. Currently public safety communications systems and commercial wireless operations are located on adjacent and intermingled channels in the 800 MHz spectrum band. The technologies used by public safety and commercial wireless are incompatible and create interference, resulting in garbled or non-existent communications for Public Safety Officers in the field. The end result exposes a potentially dangerous safety issue.

As a Law Enforcement Official, I strongly support the realignment of the current 800 MHz spectrum into separate blocks for public safety and cellular wireless carriers. This plan should be implemented at no cost to the taxpayer or Public Safety Agencies.

I respectfully request your support of this comprehensive solution as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

JAMES H. SCARBERRY
Chief of Police

C: Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Martin