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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT 02-55 (Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band)

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Many thanks to the Commission for focusing on the issue of public safety interference. This is a problem that has lurked in the background for far too long. Communications for public safety officials is essential and the fact that they are compromised because of wireless operators is a problem that needs to be addressed immediately.

It concerns me that this problem only seems to be growing. We cannot wait for something to happen to one of our officers or a member of our community as a result of interference to determine a solution. We need to act now.

I support the Consensus Plan because it is the only real solution available. The problem is the intermingled spectrum, so the sensible approach is to realign the spectrum and solve the problem. The Consensus Plan has the support of the public safety community because it has our priorities in mind: elimination of interference, additional spectrum to public safety and at no cost to us, local governments or taxpayers.

Please do not let corporate interest distract you from the real issue here. Implement the Consensus Plan and solve the interference issue once and for all.

Best Regards,

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Copies to: Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy,
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