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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20544

**WT Docket Number 02-25**

Dear Madame Secretary,

I write to express my concern about interference to public safety radios in the 800 MHz band. My fellow firefighters are experiencing interference on their radios. Though this may be a seemingly benign problem, it critically impacts our ability to serve the communities we have vowed to protect.

As someone who is all too familiar with what can happen when communications fail, I am hopeful the Commission will adopt the Consensus Plan to realign the 800 MHz spectrum- the only fully-funded and viable solution to the problem of interface. The Consensus Plan will allow our department, as well as public safety departments throughout the United States, to regain sustained and uninterrupted access to the wireless spectrum.

I urge you to take the correct course of action to resolve this pressing problem and give first responders the tools we need to do our jobs right.

Respectfully,

Michael C. Burns, Fire Chief  
Lee County 911 Commissioner

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