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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Madame Secretary,

As a chief for the Weirton Fire Department, I know how important it is for firefighters and other public safety personnel to have access to clear and reliable communications tools. But today, interference in the 800 MHz spectrum continues to threaten the access.

We cannot continue to tolerate this problem. Without clear and reliable communications firefighters simply cannot do their job as well as they should be able to.

I know that a number of potential fixes have been presented to the FCC to address the interference problem. But it seems to me that only the Consensus Plan for realigning the 800 MHz spectrum, is truly aiming to eradicate interference, rather than just fix it case-by-case when it happens to occur. It is this proactive approach that has led me to join my colleagues from the International Association of Fire Chiefs in supporting the Plan.

Now I ask that you join me and hundreds of public safety organizations across the state and the country in voicing your support to the FCC and speaking out on behalf of the Consensus Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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