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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Madame Secretary,

I am writing today to urge you to take action regarding the pressing problem of public safety interference in the 800 MHz spectrum.

As a fire chief, I know how important it is, in times of emergency and everyday, for first responders to be able to communicate clearly and reliably. Without the ability to communicate when we need to, we put both ourselves and the communities we protect at risk

The Consensus Plan is the only viable solution to alleviate the problems of interference in the public safety spectrum. By realigning the spectrum, we will be solving the interference problem in a comprehensive and proactive way. The Consensus Plan also provides additional spectrum to public safety and offers a future platform for communications networks that are needed to protect our communities. Perhaps equally important, this plan is fully funded and will not impose any burden on taxpayers

It is for that reason that I would like to go on the record in support of the Consensus Plan as the solution to the ongoing interference problem in the 800 MHz band

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joseph E. Mahoney in cursive.

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