



November 8, 2003

Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

WT Docket Number 02-55

Dear Madame Secretary

Each year, as more and more non-emergency users are allowed access to the 800 MHz frequency, the City of Renton's police and emergency response units have experienced increased interference on their radios. Though this may be a seemingly benign problem, it can critically impact our ability to provide public safety services in Renton.

I urge the Commission to adopt the Consensus Plan to realign the 800 MHz spectrum – the only fully funded and viable solution to the problem of interference. 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 they need to do their jobs right.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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