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Chairman Michael K. Powell
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RE: FCC Docket 02-55

Dear Chairman Powell,

It is the mission of the International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) Great Lakes Division to provide leadership and representation to the fire & emergency response community within our region. As such, we are extremely concerned about the 800 MHz interference issue, a problem that is affecting first responders' abilities to respond efficiently and effectively to emergencies.

Our IAFC Division, which represents the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin, support the Consensus Plan. Adoption of this plan will eliminate the persistent and dangerous problem of ever-increasing numbers of cell phones interfering with our communication systems. Equally important, the plan will give first responders additional spectrum for future communication platforms.

Existing alternatives to the Consensus Plan are reactive solutions that reduce first responders' effectiveness. The Consensus Plan solves economic, technical and policy problems associated with interference to public safety radio systems. By approving this plan, the FCC will be putting public safety first.

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Thank you for your support. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T L Schabbel', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy L. Schabbel
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