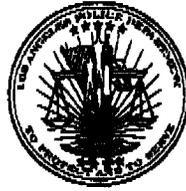


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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As the Chief of Police in Los Angeles, California, I am responsible for the operations of one of the largest major municipal law enforcement agencies in the United States. The Los Angeles Police Department provides for the safety and security of more than 3.4 million residents and employs more than 12,000 sworn officers and civilians. Radio interference compromises the ability of police officials to do their jobs and therefore must be addressed immediately.

I have reviewed the proposed solutions and join my national organization, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in support of the Consensus Plan. Realigning the 800 MHz spectrum is a proactive and comprehensive solution to this dangerous and growing problem. By implementing the Consensus Plan, public safety will be able to operate in a dedicated portion of the spectrum, free from interference caused by disparate radio communications systems. Furthermore, the Consensus Plan calls for additional, critical spectrum to be made available to public safety for future growth and advancement of the communications technologies. An equally vital element of the Consensus Plan is that it is fully funded, imposing no financial burden upon the public safety community or Los Angeles residents.

As time passes, our risks from this problem continue to grow. This is a critical issue for the City of Los Angeles, the State of California, and our nation. I urge you to make public safety your top priority and expeditiously implement the Consensus Plan.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Bratton".

**WILLIAM J. BRATTON**  
Chief of Police