

# Oklahoma State Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
2300 N. LINCOLN BLVD.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105-4808

**SEN. SAM HELTON**  
Majority Whip  
District 31  
425 State Capitol  
Phone: (405) 521-5756

2809 N.E. Bel Aire Circle  
Lawton, OK 73507  
Phone: (580) 353-9338



**CHAIRMAN**  
Veterans, Military Affairs and  
Public Safety

**COMMITTEES:**  
Agriculture & Rural Development  
Appropriations  
Economic Development  
Energy, Environmental  
Resources & Regulatory Affairs  
General Government  
Transportation

January 20, 2004

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

Dear Mr. Powell:

It has been brought to my attention that there is a mismatch between the public safety communications systems and the commercial wireless operations. As I understand it this is because they are both located on adjacent and intermingled channels in the 800 MHz spectrum band. As a result, communications are distorted which interferes with our public safety officials from doing their jobs.

I understand the Consensus Plan currently under consideration at the Federal Communications Commission would solve this problem by realigning the current jumbled licensing of the 800 MHz systems into separate blocks of spectrum for public safety and cellular wireless carriers. It would also virtually eliminate the interference experienced by public safety officials and provide additional spectrum for future communication needs.

This Consensus Plan is the only comprehensive solution to this dangerous problem. In the interest of public safety I encourage you to support and implement this Consensus Plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Helton".

SENATOR SAM HELTON  
Senate Majority Whip  
District 31

SH/jp