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

RE: WT 02-55 (Public Safety Interference In the 800 MHz Band)

Dear Chairman Powell,

The people of the state of Texas have a long history of fighting for the rights of Americans. Today, I am no different. I am extremely concerned about public safety radio interference and am outraged by the attempts of a few special interests to delay the resolution of this dangerous problem. The FCC must implement the only real solution: the Consensus Plan.

In the two years the issue of 800 MHz interference has been in front of the FCC, the associated danger has rampantly grown. In fact, every day that the Commission delays in making a decision and implementing a solution, the possibility of a lost life becomes frighteningly real.

I represent the interests of the more than 142,000 citizens and public safety officers in District 65. It is your duty to make a ruling that protects public safety and the people they serve. The Consensus Plan is the only option before the Commission that rectifies the problem of interference, provides for additional spectrum for public safety and does so without any federal, state or local tax dollars.

I applaud the FCC for recognizing this serious problem, but it is incomprehensible that it has taken so long to come to a decision. Simply put, two years is too long. Implement the Consensus Plan and make interference a problem of the past. Because one missed call is one too many.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Burt Solomons".

**Burt Solomons
State Representative**

**CC:
Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Martin**