



**REPRESENTATIVE KAREN MINNIS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

February 5, 2004

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington DC 20054

re: WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Chairman Powell:

I want to bring to your attention an issue before the FCC regarding the 800 MHz spectrum band and interference between commercial and cellular carriers and police, fire, emergency, and other first responder agencies. I am requesting the FCC to expedite review of this issue and take action on a proposal that has been presented to the FCC known as the "Consensus Plan."

My understanding is that members of the public safety community have experienced problems in the course of performing their duties with radio communications. With the increasing popularity of cellular phones and changing technology, ensuring that our emergency responders are able to communicate immediately and effectively has never been more important.

The FCC has before it a plan to address this problem known as the "Consensus Plan." Protection of the public, whether that is by law enforcement, fire, or emergency workers, is of paramount concern to me and I am sure to you and the other members of the Commission. I would urge you to act as quickly as possible on this issue to resolve this growing problem for our citizens.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Minnis".

Karen Minnis, Speaker of the House
State Representative, House District 49