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The Honorable Michael K Powell  
Chairman, Federal Communication Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC, 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As first responders, members of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA) are extremely concerned with the increasing interference experienced in the 800 Mhz band of the radio spectrum. The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association represents over four hundred and fifty fire departments in Florida. As the Association representing Florida's fire service management, our members directly supervise over 30,000 volunteer and career firefighters. The increase in the interruption of critical communications during emergency response is alarming. Our concern is that of safety for first responders and the citizens they serve.

The FFCA supports the 800 Mhz "Consensus Plan" and believe that realignment of the spectrum is the best solution to the current situation. We urge you to support the proposed Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Chief Will Gray May, Jr.  
President

cc: FFCA Board of Directors