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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 42

February 28, 2004

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,

As state representative for District 42, I am responsible for the welfare of more than 140,000 residents and the public safety offices that protect them. I know how critical public safety communication is to emergency response. Without clear, reliable communications, the safety of first responders, and the people they protect are at risk.

It is alarming to know that for more than two years, interference in the 800 MHz band has impeded first responders with garbled, lost and dropped calls. The Commission has pledged to the police, fire and EMS personnel across the country that resolving interference was of highest priority. I hope that you and your fellow Commissioners listen to public safety and implement the Consensus Plan.

We are fortunate a tragedy has not yet occurred due to communications failures. Please do not wait until something happens. We need action now. We need the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Raymond".

Richard Raymond

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