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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Martin,

I am an Emergency Service professional and, as a member of the first responder community, I am deeply concerned about an issue that is affecting EMS and public safety colleagues across

America: 800 MHz radio interference.

To date, there have been nearly 1,000 reported cases of interference - with more cases being reported every day. Thankfully, no one has died because of an interference-related incident, but it continues to be a frightening possibility.

Interference has been a problem for public safety departments long enough. Time is no longer on our side. We need to act and

implement a comprehensive solution. The public safety community deserves the necessary tools to protect our communities safely and effectively.

I join with the hundreds of public safety organizations and agencies in support the Consensus Plan, the only approach that will proactively eliminate interference before it gets the chance to hinder operations and endanger lives. The Consensus Plan solves the problem of interference, provides additional spectrum to public safety for future needs and is completely privately funded.

A real solution does not lie in mitigation or piecemeal remediation. Please do not let big business muddy the issue with vague and unfounded ideas, distracting you from what is truly important. Public safety is at stake. Please act accordingly and implement the only true solution backed by the public safety community: the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Martin,

As a firefighter, I know how critical communications are to emergency response. Radios are our primary means of contact to receive instructions from the dispatcher, coordinate efforts with other on-scene officials and can be, at times, our lifeline. It is disturbing that my fellow firefighters and other first responders are struggling with 800 MHz radio interference. This is impeding efficient operations and placing lives at risk.

Simply put, this needs to be solved. The Commission has had nearly two years to research fully this issue. Now is time for a resolution. I join my public safety colleagues such as the International

Association of Fire Chiefs in support of the only true solution available: the Consensus Plan. The Consensus Plan eliminates interference proactively by reorganizing the jumbled spectrum, which is the main cause of the problem. Furthermore, the Plan provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, government or the American taxpayer.

Let's not let another day pass where lives are at needless risk. We need to implement the Consensus Plan now. Please do not let corporate special interests continue to derail this important decision. Nothing can be more important than the safety and welfare of our communities. My fellow firefighters and I hope we can count on your support.

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Dear Commissioner Martin,

Every day, police officers work to protect the lives and ensure the welfare of others. We proudly serve our communities, but right now, there is a communications crisis that is affecting our ability to be fast, coordinated, safe - and ultimately - effective.

800 MHz radio interference is a problem plaguing not only police officers, but also fire and EMS officials. More than a thousand incidents of interference have been reported in more than half of our nation's states - with many going unreported and with more incidents occurring every day.

We cannot afford to sweep this issue under

the rug any longer. The public safety community has identified the problem and we have supported a solution called the Consensus Plan. It is the only proposal before the FCC that addresses the interference problem head-on by eliminating interference proactively. Equally important, the Plan also provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, the government or the American taxpayer.

Please do not let corporate interests distract you from what's truly important. We in public safety need your help. Please implement the Consensus Plan and make interference a problem of the past. My fellow officers and I hope that we can count on your support.

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The Consensus Plan is supported by public safety organizations such as the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Chiefs of Police because it provides a proactive and comprehensive solution to the hazardous problem of public safety radio interference.

Interference to public safety radios is caused by the mixing of their frequencies in the 800 MHz band with commercial operators such as cell phone companies. The Consensus Plan will separate these mismatched frequencies so that public safety gets their own dedicated portion of spectrum to operate free from interference permanently. The Consensus Plan also provides additional spectrum for public safety, and does all of this at no cost to public safety agencies, the government or the American taxpayer.

Other approaches presented to the FCC are ineffective band-aids that accept interference as a fact of life. At best, they are reactive; at worst, they are dangerous.

Two years is too long. Please listen to the more than 3,000 supporters of this comprehensive solution. Implement the Consensus Plan - our nation and our nation's first responders will be safer because of it.

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