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**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2004 11:27 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Please Support the Consensus Plan -- FCC WT Docket #02-55

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**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**

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