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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Madame Secretary,

I am writing to express my concern about the 800 MHz interference issue currently under the Commission's consideration. This problem is not new. In fact, public safety departments across the country have been dealing with this for more than five years. The Easton Police Department operates on the 800 MHz band, and although I am happy to report we haven't had to struggle too much with interference issues – the threat remains very real until this problem is fixed. If we let interference continue to plague police and fire departments, it could result in a national crisis.

As the Chief of the Easton Police Department, I support the Consensus Plan, the only comprehensive solution to eliminate interference before it has a chance to impede operations or put lives in danger. The Consensus Plan:

- **Solves the problem** by realigning the 800 MHz spectrum to give public safety a dedicated section of spectrum to operate free from interference.
- **Meets for public safety's needs** by providing additional spectrum to ease current congestion and to provide a platform for future communications.
- **Fiscally responsible** – because it is completely privately funded, it is the only proposal before the FCC that does not pass the costs onto the American taxpayer, or place strain on federal, state or local budgets.

The Consensus Plan is the only proposal widely supported by the public safety community, with nearly 1000 first responders, agencies and organizations who have pledge their support. As a concerned Chief who knows the importance of reliable communications, I am asking you to adopt the Consensus Plan. Public safety needs your help so first responders can maintain safe and protected communities throughout the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Kominsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Thomas Kominsky