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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Madame Secretary,

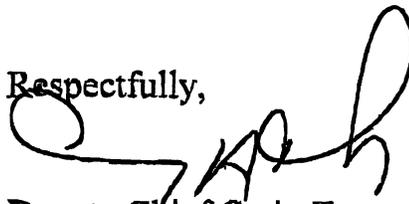
Technological advances have aided emergency response operations in numerous ways over the past decades, furthering first responders' rescue capabilities and the efficiency of missions. It concerns me that, while technology has benefited public safety's commitment to saving lives and protecting communities, many first responders are, ironically, struggling with their communications systems. Due to interference on their mobile radios, police, fire and EMS officials nationwide must continually fight to connect and communicate with their colleagues. In an age of instantaneous communication, how can we allow a problem such as interference remain unchecked while lives are on the line?

I believe there is a comprehensive solution before the Commission and that is the Consensus Plan. This Plan proposes realignment, retuning and providing additional spectrum to the public safety community so first responders can rely on their communications systems while having the capability to grow and utilize advancing technology. Additionally, the Consensus Plan has a comprehensive funding mechanism so public safety

will not have to finance the solution or any of the costs incurred during its implementation. In short, the Consensus Plan accounts for public safety's needs with a practical, readily available, and fiscally responsible solution.

More than a thousand of public safety agencies and officials have voiced the need for the Consensus Plan. While the public safety community fights to be heard over their radios, I am asking you to listen to these requests. On behalf of the Consensus Plan supporters throughout the United States and the Provincetown Police Department, I hope you will join us and stand with public safety. We stand together to save lives, protect America's communities, and for the Consensus Plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Tamash', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

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