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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As we embark upon our budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2005, the Budget Committee is actively examining any initiative that could potentially reduce revenues or receipts to the Treasury, or increase overall spending. Spectrum is one such initiative.

I appreciate the difficult task that you and your staff have in addressing this very timely area of telecommunications. I know that the problem of public safety interference has been a priority for you and that you are exploring viable solutions to this problem. In this regard, it is my hope that any solution you ultimately decide upon will be able to sufficiently meet the public safety concerns and not adversely impact the deficit.

I understand that there are a couple of competing solutions that have been offered to address the problem of public safety interference. I rely on your judgement to make whatever policy decision you deem to be in the best interest of the public, but I have serious reservations about any solution that does not involve the established auction process. It has been my belief that the auction process brings in the largest amount of receipts to the Treasury.

I welcome any ideas that you may have on this matter. If I can be of any assistance, please call me directly or Rich Meade, Chief of Staff of the Budget Committee, at 6-7270.

Sincerely,

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