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Diane Atkinson, Congressional Liaison
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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

I am writing on behalf of public safety officers nationwide and particularly in Oregon.

Enclosed is the letter I received from Mr. DeLashmutt representing public safety officers in Oregon in regards to the pressing issue of interference with public safety communications systems that are a result of over-use of the 800 MHz frequency. As you may be aware, many of the stakeholders who use this frequency have voluntarily proposed a plan that would provide a win-win solution for all parties. This consensus plan has been pending approval with the FCC now for over 2 years.

Public safety officers are seriously jeopardized while the FCC delays a final answer on this proposal. I would appreciate your looking into this matter to determine what the current status is on its consideration and when the FCC will be making a final determination.

I am very concerned about this situation and would like to be kept informed of the progress of your action on my constituent's behalf. Please notify Ramona Perrault in my Portland district office of any decisions or intended actions that will affect the disposition of this request.

With warm regards,

David Wu
Member of Congress

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March 11, 2004

Representative David Wu
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Representative Wu,

It has been some time since I have last seen you and we had a chance to talk, but I wanted to take this opportunity to fill you in on an issue that I am very concerned about in my role as a Lobbyist. You may know that besides my long-term client, the Oregon Nurses Association, I represent others including the Oregon Council of Police Associations, The Federation of Parole and Probation Officers and the Association of Oregon Corrections Officers.

During the 2001 Oregon Legislative session I became aware of an issue of great concern to Public Safety Officers, their Associations both State and Federal and to the general public. That issue was interference with Public Safety communications systems caused for a number of reasons, but primarily by the inclusion of other operators in the 800 MHz frequencies used by most Public Safety communications systems. While I represent the Public Safety folks, I also represent Nextel Communications and after making contacts with all parties, I was able to bring both Nextel and the Public Safety Organizations together to have a dialogue on a long-term solution to this important issue.

It was not long after that that all the parties came together to discuss a solution and as a result the "Consensus Plan" was created and agreed to by all the major National Public Safety Organizations (Lists of Consensus Plan Supporters attached). Yes, the Consensus plan was hatched in Oregon as long term solution to this very dangerous problem. This plan calls for the movement of non Public Safety Communicators out of the 800 MHz frequency to clear the way for Public Safety to realign in that frequency. The advantage to Public Safety is more frequency bands to use with little possibility of interference from other carriers. The carriers who currently have bands in the 800 MHz would then move to the 1.9 GHz.

What you might not be aware of is the Oregon and in particular the Metro, Valley and Gorge areas of the state have experienced substantial P.S. communications interference problems and are one of the worse areas nationally along with Denver CO. In fact the Tigard, Tualatin and Washington County were recently profiled on the Fox network show "America's Most Wanted" when they did a segment on this issue and urged viewers to contact the FCC in support of the Consensus Plan. This Oregon based concern about the

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interference issue and support for the "Consensus Plan" is a reflection of the gravity of the situation here in Oregon.

What you also may not know is that the FCC has been studying the filing on the "Consensus Plan" for more than 2 years now and the date to take action keeps being pushed back, while the Public Safety Officers continue to be put in jeopardy each and every day they are on the streets. When they encounter a dangerous situation and have no ability to get back up because of communications problems, the consequences can be deadly.

I along with my clients, the Oregon Council of Police Associations, Federation of Parole and Probation Officers and the Association of Oregon Corrections Employees would ask that you encourage the FCC to act with all possible speed to adopt the Consensus Plan. Two years plus is too long for Oregon's Public Safety Officers to wait for this possible life saving adjustment to our communications systems.

I have attached letters of support, a list of supporters, and other supporting information for your review. Please note the broad base support and the support from both Democratic and Republic Legislative leaders.

Thanks in Advance for your prompt intervention in this matter.

Sincerely



Brian DeLashmutt, Oregon Lobbyist for the OCPA, FOPPO, and AOCE

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