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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

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**Re: GN Docket No. 17-183, *Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz***

**ET Docket No. 18-295, *Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band***

***Ex Parte* Communication**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the area’s emergency radio networks vital to First Responder operations.

I work for a county in Washington State that is maintaining and currently upgrading its emergency radio network. This network is crucial to the operations of first responders. The network utilizes many microwave links between radio sites, which operate in the 6 GHz band. These links are used to transmit communications between 911 dispatch centers and first responders. It is absolutely imperative that this system be able to operate without interference which could impair communications. Literally, lives depend on the proper operation and functioning of this system.

I urge the FCC to maintain the proposal for AFC for all unlicensed devices in the bands 5925-6425 MHz and 6525-6875 MHz. Analysis by the Fixed Wireless Communications Commission proves that AFC is needed regardless of the power level or location of unlicensed devices.

I therefore urge the FCC to ensure that the database used for the AFC system is accurate and up-to-date before unlicensed devices are installed.

I also urge the FCC to carefully review the data provided by the Fixed Wireless Communications Commission on the need to ensure that fixed link adjacent channels are fully protected.

Respectfully submitted,

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