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Ms. Donna Searcy
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: PR Docket No 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy:

The New York State Association of Fire Chiefs supports the position of the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers, Inc. (APCO) concerning the Federal Communications Commission's proposal in the "spectrum refarming" docket.

Public safety communications priority ranks second only to national defense. The FCC's proposal to use the auction process to assign radio frequencies without determining the current and future public safety spectrum needs, will be detrimental to this country's emergency response capabilities.

The New York State Association of Fire Chiefs agrees with APCO that the Federal Communications Commission must give public safety entities a priority when it determines channel assignment.

If there are any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact the office at (518) 477-2631.

Sincerely,


Joseph Belezak
President


James Hannigan
Deputy Executive Director