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Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
425 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I have been involved in emergency notification of citizens since 1991. During my career I have had successes and failures when attempting to get critical information to citizens during emergencies. Many times lives depended on receiving information in a timely and comprehendible manner. I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for device assisted geo-targeting alerts as part of the wireless alert system.

Having been on the activation end of many notifications I am unable to recall any notification that would not have been greatly improved through the addition of this technology. It is increasingly difficult to accurately provide lifesaving information to only the individuals who really need it without creating undue stress and endangering others in surrounding areas.

As recently as a few months ago my agency used our notification system to provide our citizens important information due to the flooding in Louisiana.

These are critical lifesaving systems and as public safety leaders we must take action to enhance our ability to inform the public when their lives are in danger.

Warm regards,

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