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Honorable John Warner  
United States Senator  
Main Street Centre, II  
600 East Main Street  
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Dear Senator Warner:

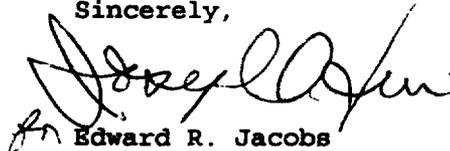
This is in reply to your letter of August 6, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Lane B. Ramsey, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993.

We are sensitive to the needs of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems. We will endeavour to protect all private land mobile radio systems, including those operated by public safety entities. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules.

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect to issue final rules in 1994.

Sincerely,



Edward R. Jacobs  
Deputy Chief, Land Mobile and  
Microwave Division

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August 6, 1993

Respectfully referred to:

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim  
Director, Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 808, 1919 M Street, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Your consideration of the attached correspondence from a constituent will be appreciated. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosures, are requested. I am grateful for your review of this matter within the existing statutes, rules and regulations which govern your agency.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please reply to:

The Honorable John Warner  
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Attention: Paul Powell

*John Warner*

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July 26, 1993

The Honorable John W. Warner  
United States Senate  
225 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Warner,

I am writing to solicit your opposition to a proposal now before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as PR Docket #92-235. This proposal was designed to promote a more efficient use of radio channels and to increase channel capacity by changing current channel spacing and lowering radio system power outputs.

This action may require public safety agencies to upgrade their current radio systems no later than January 1, 1996, and totally replace their radio systems by January 1, 2007. The most immediate proposal requires lowering antenna height and reducing system power output by 1996. This will greatly reduce system coverage in most cases and may require additional transmitter sites to provide radio coverage within a jurisdiction. This issue directly affects most volunteer fire department and rescue squad organizations that traditionally rely on paging systems to alert volunteer members of an emergency.

Chesterfield County relies heavily on volunteers, over 750 fire and rescue members and the county over the past two years has spent over \$300,000 replacing an outdated ineffective paging system. The proposed FCC action could have a significant negative impact on the public safety radio system in Chesterfield County.

The goals of the FCC may be attainable without reducing the efficiency of public safety organizations and without producing an immediate financial hardship by providing a more reasonable transition period. The FCC could also take into account the life cycle of currently used equipment so organizations could phase in the replacement.



The Honorable John Warner

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July 26, 1993

We request your assistance in continuing to provide the citizens with a high quality of public service and appreciate your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Lane B. Ramsey*

Lane B. Ramsey  
County Administrator

*Senator Warner,*

*Thanks for a wonderful  
job with the Base Closure  
Commission and Ft. Lee.*

*JSP*