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Dear Congressman Duncan:

This is in reply to your letter of June 17, 1994, on behalf of your constituent, Harold Munck, Director of the Cleveland-Bradley County Emergency Management Agency, who is interested in the implementation of Enhanced 911 (E-911) technology in the Personal Communication Services industry.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order in GEN Docket No. 90-314 that established rules for new Personal Communications Services (PCS). In this Order, we urged the PCS industry and standards-setting bodies to "direct particular attention [to] offering an emergency 911 capability that would work with enhanced-911 systems (E-911) and, to the extent feasible, permit locating a caller in situations where the caller is unable to state his location." Also, we indicated that we were contemplating the initiation of a future rule making proceeding "to address E-911 and related issues with regard to PCS, cellular, and any other relevant mobile service."

In response to our Order, the Texas Attorney General's Office filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting that we require PCS licensees to provide E-911 service as a condition of license, and that we require development of a single, uniform standard for PCS E-911 service. There were a number of comments filed in support of Texas' petition. Several companies expressed concern about the potentially significant added costs of providing precise E-911 location information, as well as the delays that an FCC mandate for providing such information could bring to PCS development.

The Commission carefully considered the Texas petition and the comments filed in response to it before adopting its Memorandum Opinion and Order in GEN Docket No. 90-314 on June 9, 1994. That order, among other things, promised the prompt initiation of a separate rule making proceeding dedicated exclusively to the E-911 capabilities of mobile telephone services. This proceeding will allow us to fully address all regulatory aspects of E-911, and to develop the most fair and effective regulations possible. In the meantime, a joint industry group consisting of representatives from the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), have been working to develop a common position on how PCS E-911 service should be implemented. We expect the results of those discussions to be filed with the Commission shortly.

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We appreciate your constituent's thoughts on this important topic and have added them, along with your letter, to the record in the PCS proceeding.

Sincerely,



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June 17, 1994

Mr. Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Office of Congressional Affairs
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

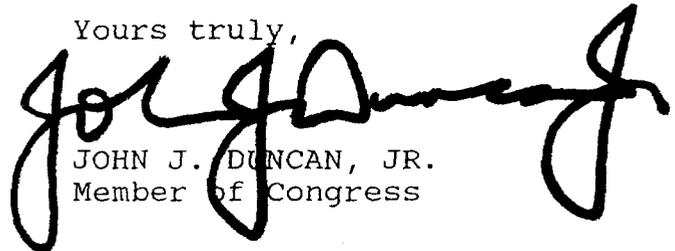
I have been contacted by a member of my constituency, Mr. Harold Munck of Cleveland, Tennessee, regarding his support for a nationwide wireless communication service that would provide lifesaving capabilities like the enhanced 911 service.

Mr. Munck works in the field of Public Safety as a Director of Emergency Management. He certainly makes some very valid points about the need to know the physical location of a caller who uses wireless service in an emergency situation.

I have enclosed Mr. Munck's correspondence for your review. It would be greatly appreciated if you could address his concerns and furnish my Washington office with a reply at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,



JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.
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May 22, 1994

Hon. John J. Duncan, Jr.

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Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Duncan:

I am writing to you to ask your support to provide a wireless service, Personal Communication Service (PCS), that will ensure the safety of the user of that service. I am one of your constituents and work in the field of Public Safety as a Director of Emergency Management, as well as a member of the local E-911 Board. Personal Communication Service is about to become a reality and we in Public Safety have a great concern for its ability to protect the user.

Let me set the scene for you:

ENHANCED 9-1-1 SERVICE

You are at home, an emergency arises, you simply dial 9-1-1. Your call is answered by a call taker at your emergency center. Along with that call comes vital information; i.e. name, address, city, zip, telephone number, date, time of day and the public safety agencies (fire, police and EMS) that cover your address. Response is quick. Dispatch is almost immediate and your loved one is treated.

PCS WIRELESS SERVICE

You take your small telephone unit with you and go for a walk in the park. While a mile or so away, you become violently ill. You take out your small telephone and dial 9-1-1. The call taker in your emergency center answers but has no idea where you are. If you are unable to speak - well you can see the obvious consequences.

I hasten to add that cellular service, as we know it today, in almost all cases provides neither the calling number nor the location of the caller.

This is a national issue. Within one to three years this service will begin to seriously affect wired telephone service. People will remove their residence lines to reduce cost and use wireless and pay air time.

I ask you, as my representative, to have the F.C.C. take the necessary steps to mandate exact physical location of a caller that uses wireless service, and to provide the same life saving capabilities as enhanced 9-1-1 service now provides to our residential and business customers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Munck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harold Munck
Director, CEM

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