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The Honorable Reed F. Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 N Street N.C.
Washington D. C., 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: MM Docket No. 87-268 Advanced Television Systems and their Impact upon
Existing Television Broadcast Services

Dear Chairman Hunt:

Preble County 911 wishes to express its support for Federal Communications Commission action to reallocate the current UHF broadcast television channels 60-69, and make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety use. The first step in the process is reallocation of UHF Channels 60-69 as proposed in the above referenced digital television proceedings.

There is currently an urgent need in many parts of the country for additional public safety radio channels. The Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC), cosponsored by the FCC and NTIA, recently released its "Final Report" which found that public safety agencies need at least 2.5 MHz of additional spectrum right now for interoperability, at least 25 MHz within (5) years, and an additional 70 MHz within the next fifteen (15) years.

Preble County 911 agrees with PSWAC findings. Only immediate FCC action in making available new spectrum can help to alleviate the problems faced by many public safety agencies around the nation.

The spectrum at issue is ideal for public safety use. The block of UHF channels between 60 and 69 is adjacent to the 800 MHz mobile radio frequencies heavily used by public safety agencies.

Preble County 911 urges the commission to act expeditiously and favorably in this matter.

Sincerely,



Peggy Crabtree, 911 Coordinator

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