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The Honorable Susan Ness
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Dear Commissioner Ness,

Each year more than 500 thousand of our more than 911 thousand members in Missouri, Arkansas, Southern Illinois, Eastern Kansas, Louisiana and Mississippi call upon our AAA club to provide emergency roadside assistance. In nearly one-third of these calls for aid, they are true emergencies involving danger to life and property.

Our roadside assistance is relied upon by public safety agencies to provide a rapid response to motorists involved in accidents, stalled on busy freeways, blocking traffic and even babies locked in cars. For us to respond to these emergencies we need to have clear radio communication channels with our service providers.

Our national AAA organization has asked that automobile emergency frequencies be granted the same "quasi-public safety" status as railroads, petroleum, and utilities enjoy. This simply will recognize that automobile emergencies are a safety concern so that the frequencies used to dispatch emergency roadside service will not be assigned if they will cause interference to the incumbent users. AAA emergency road service has already been recognized as a vital public safety service by Congress and many public safety entities.

On behalf of our 911 thousand members we respectfully request that the FCC grant AAA's petition for reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Johnson
President & CEO

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