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**Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911** Federal Communications Commission  
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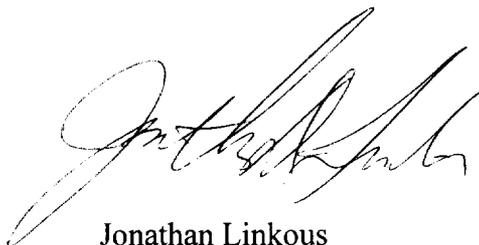
June 25, 1998

Magalie Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Meeting  
CC Docket 94-102

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed are letters sent to Chairman Kennard and other members of the FCC regarding the above referenced proceedings.



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June 19, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I served as Deputy Director of the Telecommunications Division for the State of California from 1991-1996. In this capacity I was responsible for managing the overall planning, financing and delivery of information systems and communications services to support state agencies and local government statewide. Included in my responsibilities was the supervision and management of the 911 system in the State of California.

The Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Alliance) has asked me to give you the benefit of my background and experience with respect to their Strongest Signal proposal now under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). I am happy to respond because this is a matter of vital public interest and concern.

First and foremost, it should be apparent that a call for help must reach the 911 operator for any assistance to be rendered. My understanding is that there is no dispute that the Strongest Signal solution will connect wireless calls to 911 that are not being connected today. I am told of two instances, the Lechuga family deaths and the Marcia Spielholz shooting, where there is no question that the Strongest Signal, had it been available, would have prevented these tragedies.

I also understand that the wireless industry has indicated that it will not deploy location technology on an early basis unless the Strongest Signal proposal is rejected. Location technology will make the job of the PSAP easier for the calls that reach the emergency operator and is, of course, a desirable feature. The wireless industry's decision to withhold early deployment of location technology puts pressure on the public safety community and equipment suppliers to oppose this life saving feature, Strongest Signal, in order to obtain the benefits of location services.

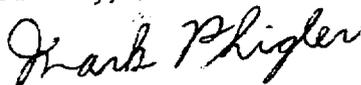
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This is a clear statement that the wireless industry – not the public interest – will determine what and when safety features are deployed for 911.

I personally find it heartbreaking that life saving features are being used as bargaining chips. Endorsing a policy that would allow emergency 911 calls to float in open air space (a distress signal in search of its primary carrier only), while someone is in need of help from potential life threatening conditions, is just not a common sense approach to good public service. From my perspective, the Strongest Signal should have been implemented before now. I trust that the FCC and Congress will endorse this life saving feature.

The FCC should not back down from its own mission statement. You should continue on the best path forward to “encourage competition in all communications markets and to protect the public interest.” I cannot think of a better way to protect the public interest than by saving lives. Lives are at stake, please do not delay the adoption of the Strongest Signal proposal.

Sincerely,



Mark Phigler  
President

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## Consumers Coalition of California

(a non-profit corporation)

The Honorable William E. Kennard  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
8th Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 21, 1998

Dear Chairman Kennard:

It is time to take action to protect wireless communications subscribers who already believe that they have 911 coverage wherever they may travel.

CCC supports the AD Hoc Alliance for public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102). 911 calls are a necessity to save lives and to protect citizens from unwarranted attacks. Many subscribers take limited service contracts under the delusion that they are protecting their lives or the lives of their loved ones, not realizing that there is no universal coverage.

The 911 signal is not a luxury but a necessity. Wireless companies and municipalities should not have the power of refusal for profit or political motives. CCC asks the Commission to please act before a disaster shows the true weakness of the present system. Enclosed is an attachment ("A"), reasserting the urgency of support for Public Access to 911--(Docket 94-102).

CCC has been active since 1984 on telephony issues, testifying before the State Senate and Assembly, working with task forces, auditing major telephone companies, ie: Pacific Bell and General Telephone of California, as well as federal lobbying for consumer issues.

Sincerely,

Virginia Jarzow, President

ATT. "A" : News article

CC: FCC Commissioners and Wireless Bureaus  
Senator Boxer  
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ATT. "A"

June 18, 1998

## Council supports neighbors, nixes Cox monopole antenna

by Daniel Blackburn

With nary a comment, the Manhattan Beach City Council Tuesday upheld a prior Planning Commission veto of plans by a private company to erect a transmission antenna for wireless communications on the site of the city's old Sixth Street water tower.

Cox Communications PCS of Irvine hoped to install a 125-foot "monopole"

for co-location of its own transmitters and those of the city's emergency mobile communication system. The water tower is slated for removal within the next few years. At the present time, the city locates its emergency whip antennas atop the water tower.

Cox representatives contended the company needs the antenna in order to provide cellular and digital wireless telephone service to beach area customers. Wireless telephone reception in the hill and sand sections of Manhattan Beach is particularly poor.

The doomed monopole plan was developed in concert with the city's planning staff, which proposed the cooperative effort as an inexpensive way to solve the city's emergency communication needs. Planners projected a savings to city coffers of more than \$140,000 by allowing Cox Communication PCS to build the monopole.

A raucous response by neighbors, however, citing everything from electromagnetic fields to declining property values to a loss of aesthetics as reasons for their opposition. A loosely knit organization sprang up to lead an assault on the monopole plan.

Dozens of residents showed up at an April 22 Planning Commission meeting to decry the monopole. After a lengthy public hearing, the commission voted to deny the use permit requested by Cox Communication PCS.

The company reportedly is examining alternative sites in Manhattan Beach to meet their transmitting needs. BR

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June 22, 1998

The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Eighth Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chair Kennard:

We write to express our support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102). It is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life-saving regulation.

We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert C. Fellmeth'.

Robert C. Fellmeth, Executive Director  
Center for Public Interest Law

cc: FCC Commissioners and Wireless Bureau  
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The Honorable William E. Kennard  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20554

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1998

Dear Chairman Kennard:

We are writing to express our support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102). It is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life saving regulation.

We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Stephen Conn  
Executive Director

cc: FCC Commissioners & Wireless Bureau  
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Representative Markey

# California Alliance for Consumer Protection

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing today on behalf of the California Alliance For Consumer Protection. At this time, we would like to officially go on record as supporting the strongest signal proposal as outlined by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (relative to Docket 94-102).

We support this measure because it is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life saving regulation.

On behalf of consumers everywhere, we urge the commission to act as quickly as possible on this issue.

Sincerely:



Michael Ross, Consumer Advocate

cc: FCC Commissioners & Wireless bureau  
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The Honorable William E. Kennard  
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Dear Chairman Kennard,

We are writing to express our support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102). It is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this important regulation.

For many persons with disabilities, the primary reason for using wireless telecommunications is for personal security. People who use wheelchairs, vans with lifts, and other means of independent mobility are always vulnerable to equipment break-downs. In order to avoid being stranded in potentially dangerous situations, wireless access to 911 is of vital importance. The same is true for blind and visually impaired people, who may find themselves in dangerous situations and would be unable to find a public telephone because of their disabilities. Now that wireless telecommunications costs are becoming more affordable, many more people with disabilities are beginning to rely on this means of communication for their personal security. We urge you to consider our constituencies when you vote on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Deborah Kaplan  
Executive Director

cc: FCC Commissioners & Wireless Bureau  
Senator Boxer  
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Representative Eschoo  
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June 22, 1998

The Honorable William E. Kennard  
Chairman  
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1919 M Street N.W., 8th Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard,

We are writing to express NetAction's support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102).

Many consumers sign up for wireless telephone service specifically for use in emergencies, but at present there is no assurance that they will be able to reach a 9-1-1 dispatcher in the event an emergency occurs. The strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access will ensure that consumers have access to 9-1-1 from wireless telephones in the event they need it.

It is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life saving regulation. We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible to adopt the proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Andrie Krause  
Executive Director

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The Honorable William E. Kennard  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

We are writing to express our support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102).

The Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911, a national group of consumer, victim rights, and related organizations has been involved in a protracted battle with the wireless industry to open up access to 9-1-1 emergency services from wireless telephones. The Alliance is asking the Federal Communications Commission to quickly address a pervasive and insidious form of blocking 9-1-1 calls that does not allow callers to access the strongest compatible signal over any available cellular carrier when making emergency calls. It is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life saving regulation.

We believe this is a "defining moment" for the Commission and your personal leadership. We believe that your efforts in this issue have placed the public interest appropriately above short sighted commercial interest.

We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible to approve the Alliance's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Conran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Jim Conran  
President

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RE: Public Access to 911  
Docket 94-102

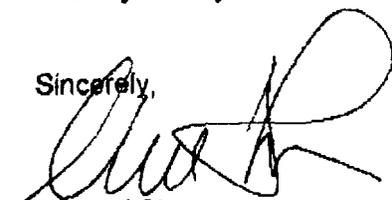
Dear Chairman Kennard:

I write to urge you to maintain and expand free wireless access to 911 and 911-equivalent services by the public. For reasons set forth in UCAN's previous filings with the FCC, we believe that public access to 911 and other emergency services is a right that should accompany the public's allocation of spectrum.

I also want to call your attention to a trend by local agencies of creating non-emergency 911 phone numbers (often they are 9XX or X11 phone numbers). These 911-equivalent services will become more common in the coming years and should be treated in the same manner as 911 numbers for purposes of public access. Thus, I urge that the FCC recognize that 911 access should not be limited in scope.

Thank you for your attention to this important public service matter.

Sincerely,



Michael Shames  
On behalf of UCAN

cc: Senators Boxer, McCain  
Reps. Eschoo, Markey, Filner, Bilbray



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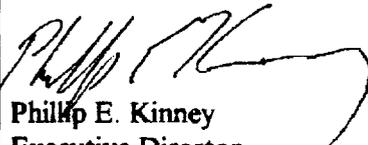
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We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Phillip E. Kinney  
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Sincerely,



Lora H. Weber  
President/Executive Director

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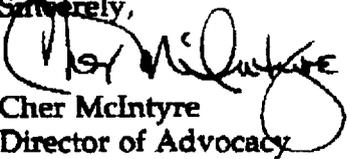
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

Consumer Action, a statewide non-profit consumer education and advocacy organization serving consumers since 1971, is writing to express our support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102). It is our belief that the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life-saving regulation.

We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cher McIntyre  
Director of Advocacy

CLM/dt

cc: FCC Commissioners and Wireless Bureau  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
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Re: Docket 94-102

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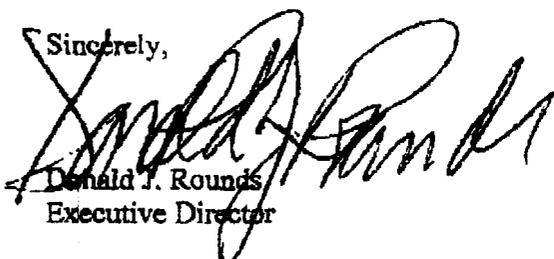
This letter is to express our support for the strongest signal proposal of the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911.

It is clear that the FCC must act swiftly and decisively in this matter because it is no less than a matter of life and death. As you well know, many people maintain cell phones for the sole purpose of emergency use. If they knew the true facts – not the irresponsible representations of cell phone services eager to get their business – they would surely not pay for, or rely on, a service which may or may not be there when they need it – based on the whim of the service provider.

The Center has worked on telecommunications issues for over 15 years, and this is the most egregious example of greed we have seen. No Company should be allowed to put its own selfish economic interests ahead of public safety. That's exactly what has happened here, and it cannot continue. We look forward to the FCC mandating an end to this dangerous and irrational practice.

Thank you for your continuing strong support of the public interest

Sincerely,



Donald J. Rounds  
Executive Director

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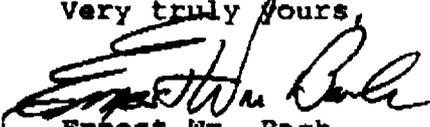
Honorable William E. Kennard  
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1919 M Street NW, 8th Floor  
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Dear Chairman Kennard,

The great State of Florida wishes to inform you of our serious concern regarding the recent activities relating to the 911 system and it's availability and viability on a national scale. Florida has documented a significant need for this availability by the record of user reports to the 911 system to notify law enforcement and medical emergency teams of accidents, crimes and other emergencies.

We therefore wish to express our total support for the Strongest Signal Proposal advocated by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911. Undoubtedly, public interest will be served best by implementing this life saving regulation (Docket 94-102), and we urge your efforts to insure the FCC act on this issue as quickly as possible.

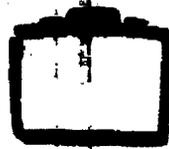
Very truly yours,

  
Ernest Wm. Bach  
Executive Director

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# CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Rotting Hills Estates

Dear Chairman Kennard:

Sam Gilbert  
Westlake Village

Tom Hall  
Pacific Palisades

On behalf of the 187,000 business members of the California Small Business Association (CSBA), we are writing to express our support for the proposal by the AD Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102).

Scott Harmon  
Agoura Hills

It is our belief the public interest is best served by the implementation of this life saving regulation. We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible.

Harold Hart-Nighting  
Los Angeles

David Hodgins  
Scotts Valley

Sincerely,

Gwen Kaplan  
San Francisco

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Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to express support for the "*strongest signal proposal*" by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102).

It is our belief that the public interest is best served by implementing this life saving regulation.

We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Edgar Dworsky  
Founder

cc: FCC Commissioners & Wireless Bureau  
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**American Association of Business Persons with Disabilities**

Ira Schoenholtz, President

June 18, 1998

The Honorable William E. Kennard  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N. W.  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard,

The American Association of Business Persons with Disabilities would like to express it's support for the strongest signal proposal by the Ad Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911(Docket 94-102). The interests of disabled Americans and all of our citizens will be best served if this life saving regulation is acted upon favorably by the commission.

We appreciate your noting our position regarding this most critical issue.

Sincerely,



Ira Schoenholtz,  
President

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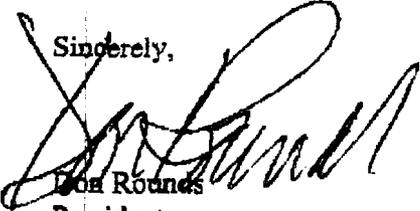
We urge that the FCC act immediately to end the practice of cell phone service providers blocking access of consumers to the best available 911 services. This practice is not just dangerous, it reflects a callous disregard for the safety – and indeed the lives – of consumers who rely on the promise that they can reach 911 in an emergency.

Many consumers, relying on the inflated promises of cell phone services that want their business, purchase cell phones to protect themselves or their loved ones in emergency. And – as we have learned the hard way – they have sometimes been put in jeopardy because their calls have been blocked by companies whose only interest is profit. This cannot be allowed. The public interest must come first, especially when lives are at stake.

Please act to assure all Americans that cell phone usage for emergency purposes will be the highest quality available – at all times.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Don Rouns  
President

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Dear Chairman Kennard:

The Small Business Alliance For Fair Utility Deregulation, composed of small business leaders from the 50 states many of whom were White House Delegates. We want to express our strong support for the signal proposal by the AD Hoc Alliance for Public Access to 911 (Docket 94-102).

We urge the Commission to act as quickly as possible in implementing this life save regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Jo Toccofi".

Betty Jo Toccofi  
Chair

cc: FCC Commissioners & Wireless Bureau  
Senator Boxer  
Senator McCain  
Representative Eschoo  
Representative Markey