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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Secretary Dortch,

As the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), I am honored to represent more than 300 police chiefs and several hundred additional law enforcement leaders in communities large and small across the great state of Minnesota.

Our members and their officers know first hand the agony and frustration caused when people in need of help cannot be located. Law enforcement witnesses the pain and suffering brought on by outdated 9-1-1 location accuracy standards - standards that make it very difficult to quickly locate individuals in distress.

Today we are joining the Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association in favor of updating indoor location accuracy standards for wireless calls to 9-1-1.

Crucial to this proposal is the need to adequately update 9-1-1-location technology for people calling for help on their cell phones while they are indoors. A recent proposal drafted by major cell phone companies fails to sufficiently address this vital measure. Frankly, we are disappointed that the public's safety is not a priority to these companies, and that they are reluctant to comply with what the FCC has already proposed.

We urge you to reject the cell phone companies' insufficient proposal and continue with the FCC's original plan.

The FCC estimates that 10,000 people die every year because emergency personnel don't have the tools to locate and help them. Please give our police officers and other first responders the technology they need to save lives.

The FCC proposal is the only plan that will advance public safety.

Sincerely,

Andy Skoogman
Executive Director
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Cc: Sen. Amy Klobuchar
Sen. Al Franken