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CHIEF OF POLICE

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

December 10, 2014

Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Secretary Dortch:

As the police chief in Woburn, Massachusetts, I am extremely concerned about the watering down of the FCC proposal to update indoor location accuracy standards for 911 calls. Even in my city, which is fairly spread out, we sometimes have issues locating 911 callers if they are in large apartment buildings or parking garages.

In times of crisis, minutes or even seconds can make a huge difference. If the FCC rule is implemented as proposed, it will significantly improve our ability to protect the public. It's a simple matter of safety and a common sense resolution, and cell phone companies have stood in the way long enough. Please do not limit the proposal with corporate considerations.

The technology is there, or it's right down the road, and I know all too well how important it is to have technology on your side. In a life or death situation, we can't compromise.

Please enact your proposal without delay and without compromise.

Sincerely,

Robert Ferullo, Jr.
Chief of Police

Cc: Senator Elizabeth Warren
Senator Ed Markey
Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
RADM David Simpson
Daniel Alvarez, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler
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