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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Secretary Dortch,

I am the president of The Fraternal Order of Police, Inc., the largest law enforcement organization in Ohio with over 26,000 members and almost 200 lodges across the state. We serve as a voice for those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities. We are committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. No one knows the dangers and the difficulties faced by today's police officers better than another officer, and no one knows police officers better than the FOP.

Officers and other first responders depend on accurate local information everyday. Information is crucial when trying to protect the public and officers during emergency situations. Our officers have seen an increase in emergency calls from cell phones; however, our dispatchers are unable to identify the location of those calls. The FCC's original proposal to remedy this technological gap will result in lives saved and better protection for our officers. However, cell phone companies have been fighting these update efforts—efforts that would save 10,000 lives every year.

During a time of increased reliance on technology, we all have to be forward-thinking on how best to share information for the protection of citizens in emergency crisis situations and for the protection of the first responders that are trying to help those in need. Over 70% of 9-1-1 calls are made via cell phone, and more and more people are cutting the cord to landlines. The fact is that in order to maintain the credibility we all have in 9-1-1, the location accuracy standards need to be updated as originally planned.

Our members devote their lives to helping others, and the original plan of indoor accuracy standards will allow them to fulfill the promise to protect and serve.

Sincerely,

Jay McDonald
President
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