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

Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Dear Secretary Dortch,

The Sheriffs of Minnesota are charged with the responsibility of operating and our 911 Public Safety Answering systems in this State. As you know, when a call for help is placed to 911, a few seconds can mean that difference between life and death for those that find themselves in an emergency. Emergency dispatchers gather pertinent details, including caller location so that first responders are better prepared and know exactly where to find those in need. But, sometimes the location information available for calls from cell phones is often unreliable or inaccurate. The FCC proposed to correct this problem, however a much weaker system proposal by the phone companies is now threatening the FCC's plan.

While the phone companies proposal does somewhat improve the current system, the fact will remain that emergency dispatchers will still be unable to locate some of these calls from cellular devices. The specific location of the caller is the most important key piece of information and under the current phone company proposal, this detailed level of information simply will not be available or maybe be inaccurate, which will lead to even longer delays in response time.

Americans deserve the safety and peace of mind that comes with indoor location accuracy standards for cellular calls to 911. The Major Police, Sheriffs, Fire and EMS associations all have opposed the current plan as submitted by the major phone companies. Their plan continues to be focused mainly on the bottom profit line.

Respectfully,

James Franklin  
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Cc: Sen. Amy Klobuchar  
Sen. Al Franken