

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

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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

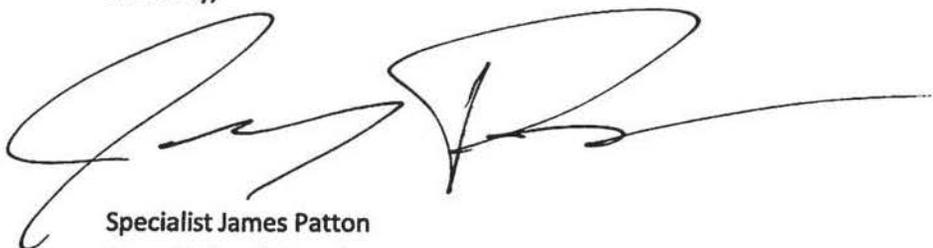
Dear Secretary Dortch,

As a current member of the Army National Guard I understand how quickly an emergency situation can progress from bad to worse. When working with victims in dangerous situations it important law enforcement, first responders, or military personnel have access to the most up to date data available. Response time and location accuracy can be the difference between life and death for some victims.

When someone dials 911, law enforcement is not always able to accurately locate the source of the call. When the call is made indoors using a wireless device, cell carriers are not required by the FCC to distribute the specific location of that call to first responders. Unfortunately, the FCC does have a standard for how accurate the given indoor location must be when the cell carrier provides that data to law enforcement. The inconsistency and the inaccuracy of the location can cause an emergency situation to go from bad to worse.

Having accurate information is critical during emergency situations, particularly when law enforcement is actively pursuing a suspect or trying to rescue a 911 caller. In Kansas, the Kelsey Smith case serves as an example of just how important that location information can be. In response, Kansas enacted legislation that improves the quality and accuracy of the cell's location information provided to law enforcement. However, not all states have such a requirement, and I believe that federal regulations should be updated to address this need of increased accuracy. When emergencies happen, time is critical, and I think we can do more, on a national level, to help save the lives of victims in emergency situations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Patton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Specialist James Patton  
Army National Guard