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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: Wireless E9-1-1 Location Accuracy Requirements, PS Docket No. 07-114

Dear M. Dortch:

On behalf of the Ohio Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and our members throughout the state of Ohio, I am writing to express our full support for the location accuracy agreement between NENA National, APCO International, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless.

The large and prolific saturation of mobile devices, latitude/longitude based 9-1-1 systems are critically important for the efficiency and effectiveness of public safety services. These critical systems must be improved, and we commend those involved in the agreement for including specific, measurable targets for x-y improvements at the 50m level proposed by the Commission. The technology improvements required to meet those targets will be considerable, and the results will be a significant improvement in outdoor accuracy and both indoor accuracy and yield.

We unequivocally endorse the deployment of "Dispatchable Location" technology for wireless 9-1-1 calls expected by the agreement. Since the Enhanced 9-1-1 service was originally deployed, Automatic Location Identification for wireline calls has made available the caller's physical address to 9-1-1 emergency dispatch centers. This allows reliable, immediate dispatch of appropriate public safety responders, and provides key route insight for responding units even without voice contact from the caller. That same level of service, however, has never before been available to wireless 9-1-1 callers. Enabling Dispatchable Location delivery will provide a wireline-like level-of-service for wireless callers, saving lives and preserving property.

Latitude/Longitude improvements will speed responses to emergencies on our heavily used lakes, rivers, hiking/biking trails, highway and interstate roadways and Dispatchable Location improvements will provide faster and better responses for residents at hundreds of dormitories, apartment complexes, and office buildings throughout the state of Ohio. Our state chapter supports these and other critical improvements required by the Roadmap Agreement; we urge the Commission to quickly codify its relevant provision, and to support its implementation.

Sincerely,



Patrick H. Goldschmidt
Ohio NENA Chapter President