November 4, 2015

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

Re: WT Docket No. 12-40

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On November 2, 2015, the undersigned, Farokh Latif (via teleconference), Mark Reddish, and Max Hsu of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International met with David Furth (PSHSB), Michael Wilhelm (PSHSB), John Evanoff (PSHSB), Ira Keltz (OET), Lloyd Coward (WTB), Thomas Derenge (WTB), and Moslem Sawez (WTB) to discuss certain public safety interference concerns.

APCO described reports of harmful interference to 800 MHz NPSPAC channels it has received from a number of local government public safety licensees across the country. The interference appears to be mainly due to commercial cellular operations overloading the front end (862-869 MHz) portion of public safety radios that was left in place following the 800 MHz rebanding proceeding. APCO noted that the problem, which has been reported to severely impact public safety communications in the NPSPAC band, is expected to only grow worse as cellular carriers continue their deployments, including LTE. Further, even on a going-forward basis, APCO understands that very few radios are available that might be capable of addressing the overloading issue. The parties also discussed the potential relevance of the above-referenced proceeding to the interference issues that APCO raised.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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