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The Honorable Thomas Wheeler
Chairman
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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association is a 150 year old labor union, representing nearly forty thousand construction workers in the U.S. and Canada. Our founders could not have envisioned many of the health and safety hazards our members face today, one of these deadly hazards is radio frequency (RF).

In the course of their work many of our members have the potential to come into contact with RF radiation without ever knowing it, until it is too late. RF antennas are often intentionally disguised as building features making it impossible for a construction worker to know the hazard even exists.

Current regulations do not adequately protect construction workers and others who may work near RF radiation sources.

It is my understanding that the FCC does plan to address RF exposure through a proposed rule. I strongly urge you to seek industry input and promulgate a rule that provides our members and others the same level of safety as the wireless industry's workforce.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue. We at the OPCMIA look forward to your proposal.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Finley
General President

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