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445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 12-40 – Amendment of Parts 1 and 22 of the Commission’s Rules with Regard to the Cellular Service, Including Changes in Licensing of Unserved Areas

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On March 29, 2016, Jeff Cohen, Mark Reddish, Farokh Latif (by phone) and Max Hsu of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International met with Jean Kiddoo, Nina Shafran, Roger Noel (by phone), Thomas Derenge, Wayne Leighton (by phone), Lloyd Coward, Moslem Sawez (by phone), Keith Harper, and Heather Moelter of the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and David Furth, Brian Marenco, and Michael Wilhelm of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, to discuss the above-captioned proceeding.

APCO discussed generally the reports of interference it has received from public safety licensees, which appear to stem from increased wireless network deployments that are overloading the front end (862-869 MHz) portion of public safety radios that radio manufacturers left in place following the 800 MHz rebanding proceeding. APCO also discussed potential paths forward for resolving these issues. Filters, if made available, could help alleviate the problem, but may work more effectively for mobile devices than for portable devices. Further, there are limited options at this point for purchase of new radios that do not contain the front end frequencies, assuming that public safety agencies have the funding in place and the radios offer the features they require. The parties also discussed the relevance of the above-referenced proceeding, including the setting of power spectral density limits.

APCO offered to engage in continued discussions with wireless service providers as well as impacted public safety licensees.

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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