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July 17, 1998

The Honorable William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 96-86

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that the FCC is about to issue rules regarding spectrum planning for the 24 MHz of spectrum recently reallocated for public safety use. We strongly support proposals that the Commission use a regional planning approach rather than state controlled spectrum planning. Public safety frequency planning works best when it reflects population centers, as radio frequency propagation does not honor state boundaries. Moreover, it is critical that local government agencies, which provide the majority of public services, have full participation and equal standing in the planning proces..

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Manis, Fire Chief
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