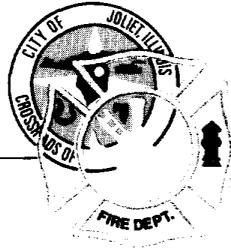




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FIRE DEPARTMENT
JOSEPH DRICK, CHIEF

July 20, 1998

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

Re: WT Docket 96-86

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I understand that the FCC is about to issue rules regarding spectrum planning for the 24 MHz of spectrum allocated for public safety use. As Fire Chief, I and the City of Joliet, Illinois, strongly support the use of regional planning as opposed to state-controlled spectrum planning. Public safety frequency planning works best when it reflects population centers, as radio proration does not recognize state boundaries. Additionally, it is critical that local government agencies, which provide the majority of public services, have full participation and equal standing in the planning process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Drick, Fire Chief

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