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November 3, 1999

In reference to: WT Docket Number 99-168

The Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Honorable William E. Kennard, Chairman:

SUBJECT: CONCERNS OF INTERFERENCE FROM ADJACENT BANDS

It has been brought to our attention that upcoming changes and auctioning in the two frequency bands of 746-776 MHz and 794-806 MHz, are of serious concern to our City. The potential of interference to our entire City's trunked radio system, that operates in the 800 MHz band, compels us to ask that you seriously consider defining rules to prevent interference to public safety systems such as ours, that will likely be caused if CMRS, Television, or other non-public safety services are allowed to operate in an uncoordinated manner.

We believe that there is a great need for interference protection from dissimilar technologies in adjacent bands. Since there is, to the best of our knowledge, no frequency coordinator between such dissimilar services, there is an unacceptable level of potential that critical public safety communications could be disrupted. Such disruptions could result in damage or loss of property and lives. In the City of Mishawaka, we are reflecting on over 500 radios in services and departments that serve a population of citizens totaling nearly 50,000.

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In conclusion, we urge you to consider the protection of lives and property as strong and compelling reasons to create sufficient buffer zones and preferably only similar radio services when allocating spectrum in these adjacent and nearby frequency bands. We do appreciate the tasks you have chosen to pursue in resolving overcrowding and overloading of today's radio systems.

Sincerely,



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