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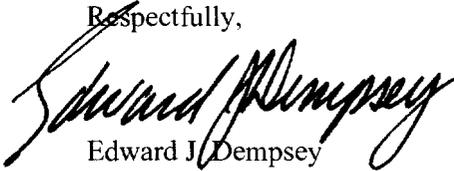
Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Submission  
CC 96-86 ✓

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed are the necessary copies of an *ex parte* submission I have provided to Chairman Kennard, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth and Commissioner Tristani. I have also provided a copy to the Chair of the National Coordination Committee.

Respectfully,

  
Edward J. Dempsey

Copy provided to:  
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Commissioner Powell  
Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth  
Commissioner Tristani  
Chair, National Coordination Committee

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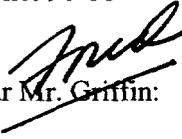
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Your letter of April 27, 2000  
Docket 96-86

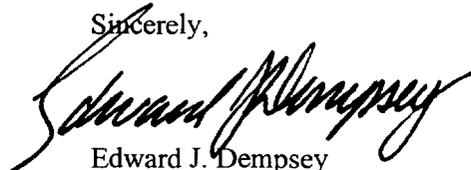
  
Dear Mr. Griffin:

I write to object and convey my personal offense to your letter to Chairman Kennard of April 27, 2000.

Within a short period of time, Kathleen Wallman has taken a difficult subject area that the Federal Communications Commission itself was unable to resolve, the standard for interoperable public safety communications, brought the range of conflicting interests together, and, after substantial debate and input from all these parties, produced viable recommendations. At not insignificant sacrifice to her own pursuits, Ms. Wallman has devoted endless hours toward ensuring a process that encompasses substantive debate while remaining steadfast in the goal to provide an environment where public safety agencies can actually communicate with each other. Anyone who has witnessed Ms. Wallman's efforts will attest not only to her fairness and decency, but also to her sincere commitment that all interests receive a meaningful opportunity to advocate their views. She is an individual of goodwill and integrity.

When one accepts a public office, one must be prepared for a range of assaults, many of which are unfair. It is more difficult to be responsible, to engender debate, and be willing to take positions on the issues flowing from the debate, yet Ms Wallman has taken this course. Your letter surpasses any reasoned discourse and degenerates to a baseless attack on an individual whose character should be commended, not demeaned. Because you have departed from any standard of debate, I cannot sit back and watch your unfounded assault. The NCC's work is too critical to have those who work so diligently on its behalf remain unshielded.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Dempsey

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