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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 99-87

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform the Commission that the attached letter from Lyle Gallagher, President of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. ("APCO"), was submitted today to Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief Thomas Sugrue, Deputy Bureau Chief Kathleen O'Brian Ham, and Public Safety & Private Wireless Division Chief D'Wana Terry.

Please contact the undersigned should the Commission have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

cc: Kathleen O'Brian Ham, Esq.
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RE: WT Docket 99-87

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Dear Mr. Sugrue:

The Commission is considering a number of issues in the above-captioned proceeding related to the statutory auction exemption contained in Section 309(j)(2) of the Communications Act, as amended by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The exemption is intended for "public safety radio services," which Congress defined quite broadly for this limited purpose. State and local government public safety operations are unquestionably included in that definition. However, there is some uncertainty in the statute regarding non-government services that may also have important safety-related functions. The Alarm Industry Communications Committee (AICC) of the Central Station Alarm Association has advocated in the above-captioned proceeding that its operations be included in the "public safety radio service" exemption, based on the important role that it plays in alerting public safety agencies of potential emergency situations. AICC has made clear, however, that the alarm industry does not seek access to the Public Safety Pool spectrum. Therefore, APCO reiterates that it has no objection to the alarm industry request.

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