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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St. S.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Reallocation fo the 216-220 MHz Government Transfer Band:
ET Docket No. 00-221

Dear Ms. Salas:

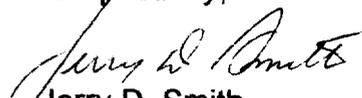
I am writing in regard to the Commission's invitation for public comment on the possibility of allowing new, high-power uses of the band 216-220 MHz and the related notion that the band 216-217 be auctioned.

The Springfield Police Department currently has invested in and uses law enforcement tracking equipment in this frequency band. We have been pleased with the results we have achieved with this technology.

In particular, use of this equipment has made a dramatic contribution to the apprehension and conviction of criminals and to a reduction in crime rates. It has proven invaluable in the rapid recovery of stolen money and property. Time and costs for investigations have been reduced or eliminated.

The Springfield Police Department urges that the Commission not allow new, high-power users in the band or an auction of the segment 216-217 MHz. We urge the Commission to preserve the band for interference free law enforcement communications.

Respectfully,


Jerry D. Smith,
Chief of Police

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