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Mr. Thomas Sugrue, Chief
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket no.
94-102

Dear Mr. Sugrue:

As an advocate for the rapid deployment of enhanced 9-1-1 services, I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of bringing this technology to the American people and especially to our great State. I urge you to continue to make E9-1-1 a high priority at the Federal Communications Commission and to hold firm to the deployment schedule the FCC has established.

I recognize that implementing wireless E9-1-1 is not a simple task and that it requires substantial resources by all parties interested in this project. I applaud your commitment and appreciate your assurances that the FCC is working with these parties to resolve problems.

Having said that, however, I am very concerned that the coordination of effort is hindered by the use of the FCC's waiver process as a delay tactic rather than for legitimate, intended purposes. I am even more concerned of the potential effect waivers may have on the willingness of other industry participants to expend the necessary resources for timely deployment.

E9-1-1 requirements have been in place since 1996. Carriers knew then that they would have to provide Phase I and Phase II capability. Many changes made by the FCC since then were made at the carriers' requests and provided greater flexibility as to how and when to implement E9-1-1.

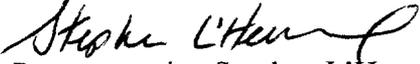
In my view, there has been adequate time for wireless carriers and manufacturers to take the necessary steps, which would allow them to meet these long established deadlines. Any further delays in E9-1-1 deployment may result in additional loss of life. Accordingly, any decision on requests for further delay should take into consideration one overriding factor, bringing this technology into the market at once.

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On a personal note, as a professional responder, I have first hand knowledge and experience with the delays and life impacting consequences directly attributable to the lack of location information Phase II would provide.

I urge you to continue working to bring complete deployment of Phase II location information to the Nation as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,


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