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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: June 19, 2002, 700 MHz Spectrum Auction

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

In slightly more than 24 hours, the filing window will close and the FCC will have received scores of applications for bidders wishing to participate in the 700 MHz Spectrum Auction scheduled for June 19, 2002. These bidders will include rural carriers, large wireless companies, new entrants interested in broadband internet service and many others. **To delay the June 19, 2002 auction would be a tragedy.**

All of those bidders as well as incumbent broadcasters, the Spectrum Clearing Alliance and others have relied on the FCC's statutory mandates and its decision setting the June 19th auction date over six (6) months ago.

Each of you has publicly acknowledged the Commission's statutory deadlines as well as in written FCC decisions including the recent Wireless Bureau letter denying the CTIA delay request. The House Energy and Commerce recognized the statutory deadlines when it reported H.R. 4560. Senator Stevens has urged the FCC to abide by its statutory mandate.

Any auction delay will require the FCC to ignore its statutory mandate and the parties that have spent so many years and time and effort working with the Commission on the 700 MHz auction would then have no choice but to seek a court order directing the FCC to hold the auction. Valuable resources that could be put to use clearing the spectrum and providing 24 MHz for public safety issues would now be devoted to court proceedings. **These parties will have no choice but to turn to the courts.**

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This should not be what the FCC chooses and I urge you to resist the political pressures to again delay this auction for no good reason in contravention of clear Congressional mandates.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lowell W. Paxson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Lowell W. Paxson  
Chairman  
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