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The Consensus Plan is supported by public safety organizations such as the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Chiefs of Police because it provides a proactive and comprehensive solution to the hazardous problem of public safety radio interference.

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