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9-1-1 When Seconds Count...

August 18, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Re: WT Docket No. 04-70 - Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I recently received a copy of the letter from the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), dated July 9, 2004 that was sent to your office, in support of the AT&T Wireless (AWS)/ Cingular merger. I wish to express my support as well.

As a NENA member and President of Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA), and Director of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District in Gallatin, Tennessee, I have worked with numerous cellular providers in enhancing functionality for wireless users. Both Cingular and AWS have adhered to existing consent decrees governing E9-1-1 Phase I and Phase II obligations. As individual corporate entities they have worked diligently to accelerate E9-1-1 deployment.

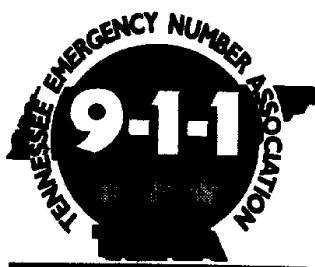
I believe that the capabilities of each company to implement and improve E9-1-1 services will be strengthened by their merger. In this I see no adverse affect in the on going deployment of E9-1-1 services.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this issue. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

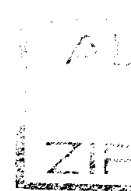
Sincerely,

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