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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Petition For Rulemaking of LoJack Corporation, RM -** ,
Filed October 25, 2004



Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Village of Amityville Police Department ("APD") strongly supports the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking ("Petition") filed by LoJack Corporation ("LoJack") requesting that the Commission expand the permitted uses and modify the technical requirements for operations on 173.075 MHz. APD also supports LoJack's request, in the comments it filed in ET Docket No. 04-243, that the Commission provide for a fourteen-year transition period, commencing with the effective date of the final rules in the proceeding, to convert to narrowband operations on 173.075 MHz.

APD is a law enforcement agency consisting of 26 officers, located at 16 Greene Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701.

As described in the Petition, LoJack seeks rule changes to allow it to provide public safety entities with additional services that will help us function better. LoJack also seeks changes to the technical rules that, in addition to facilitating these additional services, will enable LoJack to improve the performance of its stolen vehicle recovery system and to compensate for the effects of converting to narrowband operations. We believe LoJack's system enhancements will benefit us greatly.

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In one instance, LoJack unit was activated in police vehicle, Code MP1JF displayed, and location indicated. Information comes back that vehicle stolen out of Suffolk County 1st Precinct. Officer located unoccupied vehicle in rear of newly constructed homes off of Columbus Blvd., and owner was notified.

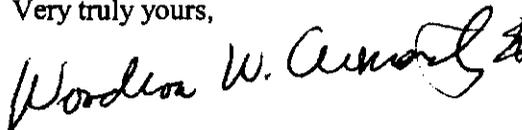
Our organization would use and benefit from LoJack's proposed new services. For instance, by obtaining the position of stolen vehicles via GPS, we will be able to dispatch tracker-equipped patrol vehicles to the general area where the stolen vehicles are located, and then perform the final tracking and recovery with the Vehicle Location Tracker. We believe this improvement will make our operations more efficient, and significantly reduce the time elapsed from the theft of a vehicle and its recovery. This equates to far less damage to recovered vehicles and improved recovery rates.

As our country becomes a target for terrorist activities, we are increasingly concerned regarding the movement of hazardous and dangerous cargoes. LoJack's cargo tracking devices will enable us to track and recover stolen cargo that could threaten public safety and national security throughout all of North America. This will be accomplished by establishing a police-operated national database of LoJack- equipped containers and cargoes, which can be queried by any law enforcement agency in the United States.

We also support LoJack's concept of including additional public safety and security features in its network. In addition to stolen vehicle recovery, LoJack may provide automatic notification of a severe accident, including the location of the accident, directly to public safety. The network may also indicate the need for emergency medical or other assistance as appropriate. Finally, we support LoJack's concept of tracking individuals who are a risk, either to themselves or their community, including, Alzheimer's victims, autistic children, and candidates for home arrest.

We, respectfully, ask the Commission to initiate the rulemaking LoJack proposed in its Petition. Also, we urge the Commission to provide LoJack with a fourteen-year period to complete its transition to the new narrowband operations.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Mr. Joseph Rainone, LoJack Corporation

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