

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
2005  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: WT Docket No. 05-63

Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to reiterate our strong support of the intended merger between Sprint and Nextel, two companies which have long-standing partnerships with the law enforcement and public safety community.

Our ongoing relationships with both Sprint and Nextel are excellent examples of what public-private partnerships can accomplish to better the safety of our officers on the beat and the public they are sworn to protect. As a result, we believe that this merger will produce important benefits for our 321,000 members and the entire public safety community, ensuring that the concerns of the rank-and-file officers we represent are heard and the unique needs of our profession are met.

In addition, the proposed merger will strengthen their commitment to implement the FCC's 800 MHz reconfiguration initiative, which is critical to ensuring that our officers have interference-free communications. It will also contribute to the advancement of cutting-edge technology to enhance E911 capabilities, as well as an overall improvement of reliable public safety communications systems.

We look forward to strengthening this important public-private partnership and to working with Sprint Nextel to achieve our shared goal of advancing public safety communications. For these reasons, I urge the Commission to expeditiously approve this merger. If we can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco through our Washington office.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury  
National President

**cc:** The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner  
The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner