

Rural Cellular Association

November 27, 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room 8-B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: RM No. 11348; WT Docket No. 06-150

Dear Chairman Martin:

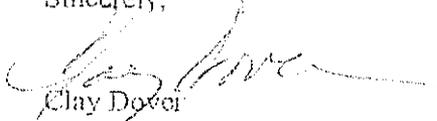
Rural Cellular Association ("RCA") submits this letter in appreciation of the efforts of Cyren Call Communications to address the needs of the public safety community for a nationwide state of the art wireless broadband network. RCA is an association of approximately 90 small and rural wireless licensees serving roughly 120 rural and small markets where 14 million people reside.

RCA notes that over 400 comments have been filed to date in this rulemaking to express the need for improved communication among the nation's first responders. Various cities, fire departments, police representatives and hundreds of American citizens have commented in support of Cyren Call's plan for creation of a Public Safety Broadband Trust to make use of the Upper 700 MHz band for an advanced broadband network to be shared by public safety and commercial wireless operators. If Congress approves the Cyren Call plan the rural carriers that comprise RCA will be interested in participating as commercial companies to construct and operate facilities in the rural areas they currently serve, and possibly beyond. With many details concerning network standards and spectrum lease terms to be developed RCA is prepared to work with the Public Safety Broadband Trust and representatives of the public safety community to bring to fruition the concept that Cyren Call envisions in its proposal.

The Commission's record in WT Docket No. 06-150 reflects that RCA responded to the Commission's rulemaking notice on 700 MHz licensing standards.¹ Regardless of action that Congress may take with regard to the Cyren Call proposal for the Upper 700 MHz Band, RCA continues to urge the Commission to provide for smaller sized, Cellular Market Area license areas in the Lower 700 MHz Band to promote the availability of advanced wireless broadband services in rural areas, and to adopt performance requirements based upon geographic coverage for all 700 MHz licenses to be sold in the upcoming auction.

¹ RCA filed Comments and Reply Comments in WT Docket No. 06-150.

Sincerely,



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