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Federal Communications Commission
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FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Dear FCC Commissioner McDowell,

I am writing to express my support for the principles of Cyren Call Communications' April 27, 2006 proposal to the Federal Communications Commission for a nationwide, state-of-the-art public safety wireless network. Cyren Call Communications' call for an urgent national dialogue on how to create a nationwide, seamless, broadband network for public safety with sufficient spectrum and reliable funding is long overdue.

Almost five years after 9/11, America still does not have a nationwide, seamless system enabling first responders and incident commanders to communicate with each other in all circumstances. Even worse, under current policies, there is no assurance that such a system will be implemented any time in the foreseeable future.

As a result, our police, fire and rescue personnel have to make do with patched-together systems. Often, they cannot talk to each other in the midst of a disaster.

Americans who risk their lives for us in times of crisis deserve the very best communications tools we can provide, but they will never receive the best tools under current policies and market realities.

Neither the government nor the private sector can solve this problem alone. Cyren Call is proposing a public-private partnership that would give the private sector an attractive business case to build and maintain an advanced broadband infrastructure for public safety communications. It would lead to a single platform for integrating voice, data and video to a family of devices that all work together. Importantly, it would have the capacity to connect all communities, urban and rural, in the event of an emergency.

If Congress and the FCC do not act in the public's interest now by reserving enough suitable, contiguous spectrum in the 700 MHz band, America's best opportunity to build a nationwide, seamless, next-generation network for first responders' will be lost forever. It's now or never.

I encourage you to support the principles of the Cyren Call proposal for the development of a nationwide, seamless, broadband network for public safety with sufficient spectrum and reliable funding.

Sincerely,
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