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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Richard,

On 12 February 2007, we received a letter from OnStar Cooperation stating that the phone and emergency services in our 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche would be discontinued after 31 December 2007. Since we were unaware of the AMPS sunset ruling, the letter informing us that the OnStar safety features of our vehicle would no longer be operative after 31 December 2007 both surprised and angered us. We have been an active user of the OnStar network since we procured it with our new vehicle. The hands free cell phone usage has been very convenient as we have done a great deal of long distance driving in this vehicle; however, more importantly it has given us peace of mind knowing that if we were ever were in a car accident that OnStar services would immediately activate and send 911 services to our exact location.

Since learning of the AMPS sunset ruling, I have been researching information on-line about it. I came across your name in association with information stating that a petition has been filed requesting that AMPS services be extended to 2010. I hope that you do not mind me writing you, but I wanted you to hear at least one consumer's opinion. There must be many more consumers who like my family have almost new cars equipped with OnStar safety features that will no longer be operative in about 9 months. We'd like to see the petition approved and the AMPS service extended. Handheld cell phone users can relatively easily buy or trade for a new CDMA supported phone, but those of us with AMPS only systems built into our cars can't get an upgrade. In the OnStar letter, we were told that we'd have to purchase a 2006 or 2007 OnStar supported new car in order to continue services. We had expected our current vehicle to last much longer than this and are not able to consider buying another vehicle at this time. If you have information about any other options available to us OnStar users, we would be very interested in knowing what they are.

Very Respectfully
Don Alkema

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