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Attn: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Room 8-B201

Re: *Sunset of Cellular AMPS Requirement – WT Docket No. 01-108 and RM No. 11355*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Alarm Association of Florida, we urge you to take immediate action to ensure that alarm system customers equipped with analog radio alarm devices are not left unprotected when the Advanced Mobile Phone System (AMPS) technology sunset date is to go in affect in February 2008. **We ask** that you grant an immediate and reasonable extension of the date since a full transition from analog alarm radios to digital alarm radios by the sunset date is improbable.

A fully functional alarm communications system is vital to law enforcement and other emergency response organizations that rely on accurate and timely information to protect property and most importantly, lives. Because of several factors, it is clear that potentially hundreds of thousands of individuals and businesses who use analog-based radios to relay alarm signals **from** their home or place of business to the alarm company that monitors for fire, burglary, CO2 and other medical emergencies, could be **left** with out these core security services unless the AMPS sunset date is extended to allow for a complete transition to digital.

The FCC should grant this extension immediately thus giving the alarm industry **the** needed time to implement the conversion, their customers the comfort that their security services will not be disrupted prematurely and law enforcement assurance that they can continue to rely on this technology to be alerted of a crime. The extension will also provide major manufacturers, some of whose digital replacement units have only become available within the last two to three months, a larger window to meet the increased equipment demand. Additionally this will allow more time to install these replacement units.

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Unless a longer transition period is provided, we are concerned that emergency responders will be hampered in their ability to help citizens who depend on them to protect their life, safety and property.

Again we urge the Commission to immediately grant a reasonable extension of the AMPS sunset. This will allow a transition of alarm users to digital technology without any loss of protection. We trust that the Commission will act in a manner that puts public safety at the forefront of its decision-making, thus serving a vital public interest

Respectfully submitted,

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