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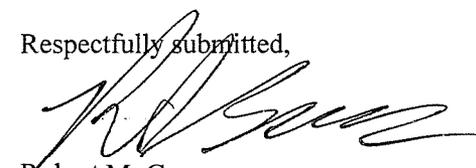
Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform the Commission that Wanda McCarley and the undersigned, representing of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), and Harlin McEwen, representing the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Sheriffs Association (NSA), Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), and Major County Sheriffs Association (MCSA), met with Chairman Kevin Martin and his staff on April 13,2007, regarding the above-referenced proceedings. During the meeting, the following views were expressed:

- The FCC should adopt the Band Optimization Plan. Any band plan that shifts public safety narrowband channels must (a) address the costs imposed on public safety licensees who have initiated 700 MHz narrowband channel operations, and (b) accommodate narrowband use and mutual aid channel requirements in Canadian border regions.
- The FCC should not adopt a ruling at this time that would preclude future wideband data operations in the 700 MHz public safety channels. Absent a viable approach for private funding of a national broadband network, wideband systems must remain an option for public safety agencies unable to afford the substantially higher cost of broadband network deployment.
- The FCC should seek comments on proposals to impose conditions on certain auction winners that they be required to build a broadband network covering public safety frequencies and provide public safety access to auctioned spectrum. Any such proposal must ensure that public safety entities retain unfettered control over public safety spectrum. In this regard, the auction winner should be required to complete a binding agreement with public safety prior to, and as a condition of, obtaining its license.

Please contact the undersigned should the Commission require any additional information regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Gurss", written in a cursive style.

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