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Dear Public Safety Leader:

The FCC is within a couple of weeks of deciding whether public safety will have an interoperable, nationwide, 4G wireless broadband network. After the 700 MHz auction, no more suitable spectrum will be available for this purpose. In other words, this is the country's last chance to do right by the police and firefighters who serve us all.

We are the founders of Frontline Wireless, a new company with a vision to provide our deserving public safety agencies with a state-of-the-art wireless broadband network that will be the envy of the world. We want to bring the Internet revolution to first responders wherever they may go: on the beat, on patrol, or on the scene of a major incident. Why do we believe so strongly in this vision? We have been instrumental in building some of the most influential and lasting wireless and technology companies in the world, including Google, AT&T Wireless, Amazon, and Federal Express. We would like to bring the power of new ideas—and new capital—to help you protect the American people.

A year ago the FCC conceived of a shared public/private network to meet this need. Frontline Wireless, after months of consultation with public safety officials, systems designers, device manufacturers and other technical experts, submitted a Plan to the FCC that would implement the FCC's good idea.

- A commercial licensee in spectrum adjacent to public safety's broadband spectrum would be required to build this network at no cost to public safety or to the American taxpayer.
- Public safety transmissions would be assured automatic and instantaneous priority and total security on this network. This feature means that in times of emergency, public safety would have access to any additional network capacity it needed.
- The network would be built to reasonable specifications set by a national public safety licensee and would be required to provide 99% population coverage by year 10. Localities and regions could negotiate with the national public safety licensee for local build-out and other local adaptations of the national network.
- The wholesale feature of the Frontline Plan allows multiple service providers and system integrators to build the specific end-to-end services and applications needed by public safety at the local and state-wide level, so that local control can be combined with nationwide operability.

No one else has proposed any alternative for funding this essential public safety resource or for providing more spectrum to public safety in times of emergency. Verizon has estimated a deployment cost of \$13 billion to \$65 billion and has recommended that taxpayers foot the bill. Alternatively, it has recommended that the public safety community buy services from it, notwithstanding its long record of indifference in responding to public safety's needs and its meager coverage proposals to the FCC.

As Wanda McCarley, Chairman of APCO, pointed out in her testimony before the Senate two weeks ago: "The Frontline proposal is very interesting and it's very innovative. And it points us in a direction that I think leads us to a solution."

Senator John McCain said: "Such a network, if constructed and maintained consistent with public safety standards, where all agencies have secure access and commercial interests are afforded a viable investment and participation opportunity, would be an excellent use of the public's spectrum."

Please immediately write to the FCC and to your Congressional representatives in support of the Frontline Plan. Letters to the FCC can be sent electronically and uploaded at their web address: http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi. Your correspondence should be filed in the FCC's Public Safety Network Proceeding (#06-229) and Service Rules Proceeding (#06-150).

Sincerely,

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