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July 11, 2007

The Honorable Kevin Martin  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Written *Ex Parte* Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169, and 96-86;  
PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Protective League and its 9300 members, we are writing to urge the Commission to support an historic opportunity to create an interoperable communications network. We are hopeful because, for the first time since 9/11, we are approaching a public/private partnership that will allow us the opportunity to save lives without fear that our wireless devices are not compatible. Finally, a proposal that will afford us the tools to respond faster and smarter is before the Commission. We as a nation need the Commission to make the right decision and support the designation of at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership.

Historically two major obstacles have hampered efforts to bring about a nationwide, interoperable broadband network for public safety. First, the funds simply aren't there. Second, public safety needs more spectrum than it has to make a broadband network work. One proposal currently before the FCC solves both of these problems by providing for a build out of the network with private capital and a doubling of spectrum available to first responders and other public safety officials when faced with emergencies. This network would be truly national in scope, serving 99 percent of the U.S. population, but through modern technology would allow local agencies substantial control.

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We need to create the network that brings public safety communications into the 21st Century. Some have suggested that public safety's needs could be served by a network that leaves fully 25 percent of the U.S. population uncovered. That plan is certainly not the sort of "national" network that will make the American people safer and that is certainly not good enough. Six years after 9/11 and nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, the stakes are too high to succumb to these and other claims that public safety's network will have to wait for another day. The time to act is now. We implore the Commission to put the safety of our country and its citizens first.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Los Angeles Police Protective League

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Baker", written over the typed name and title.

ROBERT BAKER  
President

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cc: FCC Commissioners