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Secretary Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket Item 07-16

Dear Secretary Dortch:

My career has been spent in local and state government and I have seen the impact that technology has brought to service provision. As the Director of Public Safety for both the State of Ohio and the City of Cleveland I learned the importance of quality communications systems for our highway patrol and police officers. Creating a dependable communications system is an expensive, time-consuming proposition that quickly becomes obsolete with every technology change. Access to free, broadband Internet access would solve the problem of dependability and allow our public safety officials to direct their attention to the crisis at hand without worrying about battery chargers or cell phone coverage. The proposal by M2Z addresses the issue.

Currently, I am the Director of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, an agency that oversees the provision of mental health services for Ohio's largest county. We are responsible and accountable for the planning, funding, and monitoring of 34 provider agencies in Ohio's largest county. Over 20% of the population requires assistance with mental health issues at some point in time and we have found the Internet to be a useful tool in relaying our message. If every citizen had access to free, broadband Internet we could do a much better job of reaching our target population.

It is my belief that the proposal submitted by M2Z as outlined in Docket Item 07-16 is a public service that will benefit all our citizens in a variety of ways. I encourage the FCC adopt the proposal.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. DENIHAN
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: FCC Chairman Kevin Martin
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