

# Turner County

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: RE: Docket Number 07-16

Dear Mrs. Secretary:

Currently, there is no seamless secondary data network for South Dakota's public safety officials. As a Sheriff, I understand the need for this network. We could utilize this to provide backup to our existing network to ensure that the lines of communication will be open, in the event a disaster occurs.

M2Z Networks has petitioned for spectrum to be leased to their company so that they can offer free high speed internet to the entire country. Their proposal has unlimited potential for public safety officials, as it will provide a redundant network for all public safety organizations. The best part is that it will be free! Docket number 07-16 is worth more than contemplation.

The best evidence that such a network is needed is the recent past. Look at events like the natural disasters that the Southeast and Gulf Coast have seen, or the impact New York City felt immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. We need a more civilized communication system.

The bottom line is this: we have to do something to improve how our public safety officials communicate. The future is uncertain; we can't predict when the next disaster will occur, but we can make sure we are prepared for it. I urge you to support docket number 07-16. We shouldn't pass on this chance.

Sincerely,



Byron Nogelmeier  
Turner County Sheriff

CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin  
FCC Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell  
Wireless Bureau Chief, Fred Campbell  
Senator Johnson  
Senator Thune