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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: **Docket No. PS Docket No. 07-287**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Global Security Systems, LLC, enclosed please find a letter, which was provided to us with the permission to file, from Congressman Bennie G. Thompson to Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary of the Federal Communications ("Commission"). Since the letter is not appearing in Commission's electronic records for the above-reference docket, we are filing a copy to add it to the record.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Secretary Dortch:

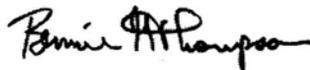
I recently became acquainted with Global Security Systems, LLC of Jackson, MS, which is located in my congressional district. Global Security Systems (GSS) is the developer and operator of ALERT FM, an FM radio-based alert and messaging system. Their ALERT FM service was procured by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and is implemented statewide on over 50 FM stations. The system gives the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, and local cities or counties the ability to send emergency alerts and messages to first responders, citizens, schools, and businesses in a time of emergency. Mississippi was the first state in the U.S. to implement an FM radio frequency-based data solution for its statewide emergency notification needs. Currently, ALERT FM is installed on over 90 FM stations in 6 states and the District of Columbia.

It is my understanding that GSS participated in the FCC's Commercial Mobile Service Alert Advisory Committee (CMSAAC), arguing that FM-based technologies should be included in the nation's emergency communications strategy. GSS also supports FM radio chips being activated in mobile telecommunication handsets, such as cell phones and PDAs, to allow FM based emergency notification like ALERT FM, over those devices to alert many more U.S. citizens in times of emergency. It is also my understanding that many mobile handsets have FM chipsets already imbedded in them, but they are deactivated by the mobile carriers. Activation of these FM chipsets in mobile handsets would allow Americans to receive emergency notification via ALERT FM on their mobile phones rather than having to carry around another device.

I urge your agency to look into FM-based technologies as part of the emergency communications strategy. It has long been my opinion that our Nation needs a diverse and redundant alert and warning system. Therefore, I see no reason why we should exclude technology that provides the general public with a low cost and readily available solution to emergency communications, such as the FM technologies.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter. Please let my office know if you need any more information on current Alert FM early warning alert technology.

Sincerely,



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