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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation***  
**“700 MHz D Block”**  
**WT Docket No. 06-150**  
**PS Docket No. 06-229**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Christopher Babbitt, of WilmerHale and counsel to Verizon Wireless, and the undersigned met with Bruce Gottlieb, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps, to discuss the above-captioned proceeding. We noted our continued commitment to serve the communications needs of the public safety community and our support for the establishment of public-private partnerships to meet those needs. However, we stressed our concern with the viability of the D Block model, and urged the Commission to consider alternative approaches. In particular, we discussed the merits of a regional approach using request for proposals (“RFPs”) that would better meet the needs of the public safety community.

We also noted that the FCC’s record in this proceeding demonstrates that there is considerable disagreement among public safety agencies about how, and indeed whether, the Commission’s proposed national broadband network would be used. Verizon Wireless believes that public safety’s requirements should be the driving force in this proceeding. Consequently, before establishing modified rules for the D Block, it is imperative that the Commission fully assess the communications needs of the public safety community to determine how those requirements can best be met, how they should be prioritized, and how the establishment of a public-private partnership would assist in accomplishing the Commission’s objectives.

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We also discussed our concerns regarding the role of Cyren Call as an advisor to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust and as a prospective bidder in a re-auction of the D Block.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald C. Brittingham  
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cc: Bruce Gottlieb