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

RE: ~~Ex Parte Comments~~, ET Docket No. 04-186;  
Introduction of Unlicensed Devices into the "White Spaces" Television Band

Dear Chairman Martin:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that you remove the "White Spaces" issue from your November 4 agenda and open this item for public comment before moving ahead. I have grave concerns that the high possibility for interference of local TV station's signals by the proposed unlicensed devices could cause significant failure of three very effective life-saving emergency alerts used in Georgia.

"Levi's Call" is Georgia's Amber Alert for abducted children. "Mattie's Call" is a public alert for missing disabled adults. "Kimberly's Call" is used for immediate notification to the public when a dangerous fugitive is active in a community. Law enforcement agencies have experienced an extremely high success rate with these alerts, thanks in large part to the excellent voluntary participation of Georgia's local TV stations.

It would be tragic for the interference from these proposed devices to prevent the viewing public from receiving an alert and thus public safety being adversely impacted.

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On behalf of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the law enforcement agencies who use our alert systems, and our supporting local TV stations throughout the state, I respectfully request that you not take actions that can put our alert systems at high risk of failing without providing an opportunity for further study and public comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Keenan", written in a cursive style.

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