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September 8, 2009

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Napolitano and Chairman Genachowski:

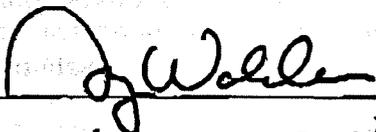
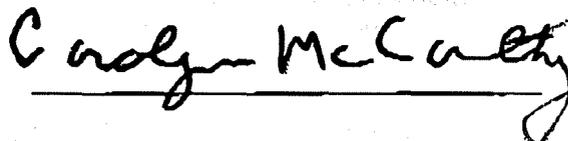
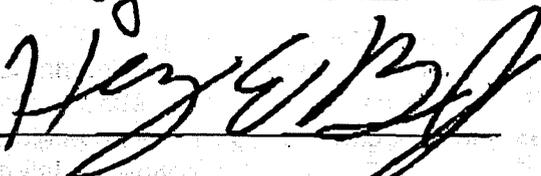
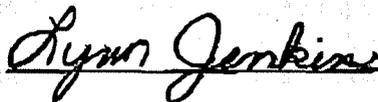
We are writing to request that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) explore the potential benefits for the American public of including FM radio tuners in mobile telephone handsets.

The Warning Alert and Response Network ("WARN") Act of 2006 authorized the commercial mobile telephone industry to create an emergency alerting system. It is our understanding that incorporating FM radio tuners in mobile phones could help achieve this goal. Radio's emergency alert system (EAS) is a proven, reliable service.

There are well over seven hundred million cell phones with FM radios globally. Currently, only a handful of FM radio enabled cell phones are in the U.S. market. There is no excuse for American consumers' access to advanced technology to lag behind that available worldwide.

Accordingly, we would encourage both DHS and FCC to consider extending Americans' access to radio EAS information via mobile phone handsets. Everyone involved, including the American public and public safety officials, as well as the mobile phone and broadcasting industries, stands to benefit.

Sincerely,

cc: FCC Commissioners

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March 18, 2010

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
U.S. House of Representatives
1433 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Aderholt:

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The Honorable Mike Arcuri
U.S. House of Representatives
127 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Steve Austria
U.S. House of Representatives
1641 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Spencer T. Bachus
U.S. House of Representatives
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bachus:

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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Paul C. Broun
U.S. House of Representatives
325 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
103 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Vern Buchanan
U.S. House of Representatives
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Anh "Joseph" Cao
U.S. House of Representatives
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March 18, 2010

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U.S. House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conaway:

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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
1009 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
428 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1118 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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March 18, 2010

The Honorable Mike McIntyre
U.S. House of Representatives
2437 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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March 18, 2010

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U.S. House of Representatives
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