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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Request that Interested Parties Supplement the Record on Draft Interference Rules for Wireless Communications Service and Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service; WT Docket No. 07-293; IB Docket No. 95-91*

The American Trucking Associations, Inc. (“ATA”) writes to express its concern with the proposed draft interference rules for the Wireless Communications Service (“WCS”) and Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service (“SDARS”). ATA is the largest national trade association for the trucking industry, representing the industry’s interests before Congress, the courts, and regulatory agencies. Through its federation of fifty affiliated state trucking associations and industry-related conferences and groups, ATA represents more than 37,000 members consisting of every type and class of motor carrier in the United States.

Trucking companies and their drivers were among the first to embrace satellite radio and arguably have adopted it more quickly and generally than the public at large. In addition to a channel dedicated to trucking talk (Road Dog Trucking Radio), satellite radio’s wide array of programming choices offer a welcome nationwide entertainment option for drivers that spend a considerable portion of their time in the cab. The “return on investment” made by trucking companies and drivers outfitting trucks with SDARS is dependent on continuous high quality, uninterrupted transmission. While we are encouraged that the Commission has recognized, and seeks to address, the potential for interference in this most recent draft,¹ we remain concerned that the safeguards to protect SDARS subscribers remain inadequate.

Trucking companies and their drivers work hard day in and day out to deliver the Nation’s freight. They do not have time to be burdened with the obligation to initiate potentially complicated corrective action where interference occurs. Therefore, it is incumbent on the Commission to provide adequate protection on the front end.

¹ See Public Notice, “Commission Staff Requests that Interested Parties Supplement the Record on Draft Interference Rules for Wireless Communications Service and Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service” (DA 10-592, released April 2, 2010).

Good stuff.



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ATA thanks the Commission for its consideration of our views, and the interests of the vast numbers of trucks drivers that subscribe to SDARS, as this rulemaking on interference proceeds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Osiecki", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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