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

Re: PS Docket 06-229, Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform the Commission that APCO President-Elect William Carrow, APCO First Vice President Greg Riddle, and the undersigned met with Commissioner Robert McDowell and Angela Giancarlo yesterday regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

The APCO representatives reiterated the need to reallocate the 700 MHz D Block for public safety, and also noted the importance of maintaining the 700 MHz narrowband channel allotments. In that regard, APCO notes that all 50 states have state-wide licenses to operate narrowband systems in 700 MHz, and many have deployed operations or are planning to do so in the near future. Examples include Delaware, Virginia, Louisiana (where the system is currently playing a key role in the oil spill clean-up effort), Ohio, Oregon, and Mississippi. In addition, there are approximately 286 active site-specific 700 MHz band narrowband licenses issued to state and local governments across the nation. For example, large systems are under development in Harris County, TX (Houston), Phoenix-Mesa, AZ, Las Vegas, NV, and Prince Georges County, MD. Harris County's system (for which equipment is currently being delivered) will be one of the largest, with approximately 30,000 users and a cost of \$125 million. As the State of Delaware described in a recent filing in this docket, the 700 MHz narrowband channels already play a critical role in developing nationwide interoperability and providing critical capacity in spectrum-congested areas.

Please contact the undersigned should the Commission require any additional information regarding this manner.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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