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Re: WT Docket No. 10-83
FCC File Nos. 0004153701, 000414435

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to urge the Commission to render a decision on the above-captioned applications filed by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to obtain spectrum for use to provide Positive Train Control functionality.

As you may know, the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 mandated development and implementation of Positive Train Control on "Class I" and passenger railroads. Congress mandated this important public safety technology shortly after the tragic railroad accident in September 2008 in Chatsworth, California. Because this technology has the potential to prevent these sorts of accidents from occurring, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority has committed to use its best efforts to comply with the mandate by December 31, 2012. However, time is of the essence due to the substantial amount of time that will be required for system design, ordering and installation of equipment, and testing. These important steps cannot occur without a grant of the applications from the Commission.

In light of the important public safety benefits that will result from the implementation of Positive Train Control technology, I respectfully urge the Commission to promptly complete the processing of the above applications. I look forward to working with you on this and other important issues in the future.

Sincerely,

GARY G. MILLER
Member of Congress

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