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May 11, 2011

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

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FCC Mail Room

RE: PS Docket 09-19, Reply Comment

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The following is provided in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with respect to Travelers Information Stations (FCC 10-203).

The Kent County Department of Aeronautics, owner and operator of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, operates a Travelers Information Station (TIS) for the benefit of our users. We support the expansion of the scope of TIS rules to allow a broader array of information to be broadcast. We currently broadcast material that is of benefit to motorists such as directions and parking information. However, an expansion of the rules would allow us to broadcast additional relevant information such as security procedures, threat levels, and any applicable restrictions that may affect our customers.

In addition, we would like to comment on a letter submitted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), dated April 25, 2011. The last paragraph of AASHTO's letter states "...the officials authorized to operate such stations may be operators of air, train, bus terminals, public works officials operating public parks, and operators of historical sites that have no background in emergency management or response and therefore would not be qualified to determine if the information being broadcast by the station under their control is permissible." From an airport operator's perspective, I can assure you that the officials AASHTO is referring to are very well versed in emergency management and response. The Kent County Department of Aeronautics manages its own police and fire departments, as do many airports across the county. In addition, airport management staff has received training on the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework and the Incident Command System.

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Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment on this rulemaking. Your favorable consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Robert W. Benstein, A.A.E.
Public Safety & Operations Director