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# TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: FCC Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Washoe County Regional Communication System provides public safety radio and communications support services to over 17 separate agencies including law enforcement, fire and other first responders. We are a co-applicant on Nevada's Request for Waiver in the above Docket. As Director of the Washoe County Regional Communication System, I cannot overstate the critical importance this waiver will have in allowing us to carry out our regional communication responsibilities.

Those responsibilities do not stop at the Washoe County border; they spread to neighboring counties and the State of California. In the past six months, Washoe County has had to support the communications of first responders helping us manage two historic fire events burning over 7000 acres, destroying over 60 homes and killing livestock and pets.

As responders from our neighboring regions emerged at our borders to address both crises, effective management of these resources was critical and our communication system was essential to that end. This is why Nevada is aggressively pursuing its waiver of your rules with respect to the proposed statewide public safety broadband network in the 700MHz spectrum. Nevada requires the requested relief so we can continue to advance our technological capabilities in response to all regional emergency events to protect the lives and property of its citizens. State funding has been designated to support the waiver but this funding will be redirected if action on the waiver is not granted before March 1, 2012.

I understand you are working with Senator Reid's office to advance the approval of Nevada's request. Please call upon me if I can be of any further assistance in those efforts.

Sincerely yours,

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