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

RE: RM-11433

Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition for Waiver of Rules Filed by the State of Maryland Requesting Permission to Operate Air-to-Ground Radio Equipment in 700 MHz Secondary Trunking Channels

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The State of Delaware supports the Petition for Waiver referenced above as filed by the State of Maryland. In the Petition, Maryland desires to utilize 700 MHz radio channels, currently identified as "secondary trunking channels" in support of law enforcement, emergency medical services ("EMS"), and other public safety air-to-ground operations.

The airborne assets from the State of Delaware routinely perform medical transports to Maryland medical facilities. Use of the proposed 700 MHz frequencies will allow for greater interoperability from further distances, something that is non-existent today. This will increase flight safety for both the airborne crews and the patients being transported as well. The border between the states of Delaware and Maryland are typically transparent, thus interoperability is critical for all of our first responders.

The Use of these channel pairs has been coordinated with the State of Delaware and we see no interference issues associated with their use by the State of Maryland. Accordingly, the State of Delaware encourages the Federal Communications Commission to act favorably on the Maryland Petition for Waiver.

Respectfully submitted,

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