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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I'm writing for the purpose of supporting a request by the Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) for the committee to be re-chartered. As you are aware the current charter expires January 14 of this year. It is our understanding that EAAC's work isn't completed and the committee needs additional time with which to complete several issues in its portfolio.

Of particular interest to APCO International is a report remaining from EAAC related to Text to 9-1-1. As has been conveyed to your Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau APCO continues to have serious concerns regarding the ability of all major wireless carriers to provide Text to 9-1-1 while their customers are roaming outside of their home areas. We are also concerned about the ability for carriers to provide bounce back messages to their customers when they are roaming and Text to 9-1-1 isn't available. We believe these two particular areas must be clearly resolved in the coming months and certainly prior to the voluntary launch of Text to 9-1-1 nationwide.

APCO stands willing to participate in any work that needs to be done in the interim until the EAAC is re-chartered. We also look forward to continuing to participate on the EAAC after re-charter in order to help ensure success of this vital service to wireless users within the United States.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director
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