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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the FCC's recent Report & Order with the update of TIS Part 90 rules, I want to express my appreciation to the FCC for allowing local emergency agencies to provide the public with more robust and effective emergency information using TIS broadcasts. At the local level, there are many community emergency and natural disaster scenarios in which the broadcasting of emergency information plays a key role in effectively mitigating the incident and informing our population. The FCC's recent update is consistent with FEMA's premise that the response to every disaster is first and foremost a local one. We greatly appreciate the local discretion and accountability afforded to us when the use of TIS broadcasts is necessary.

Furthermore, we know that message quality is important to the effective reception of emergency information and if optional removal of broadcast filters will enhance message quality, we support such efforts.

Thank you for helping to facilitate these changes with the FCC.

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