



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police
601 E. Trade St. Charlotte, NC 28202

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

Re: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Letter of Support for Request for Partial Waiver of Section 90.20(e)(6)(i) by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
PS Docket No. 13-281

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CMPD strongly supports the request for partial waiver ("Waiver Request") filed by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators ("IAATI") requesting that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") waive Section 90.20(e)(6)(ii) of its rules, thereby allowing public safety entities to track and recover stolen vehicles equipped with SVRS equipment for as long as those vehicles are in use.

In Charlotte, NC we use vehicle recovery locators to recover stolen vehicles. There are several thousand vehicles stolen in the Charlotte area and these locator help us recover them and sometimes provide suspects.

As described in the Waiver Request, IAATI seeks a partial waiver to allow wideband (25 kHz) Vehicle Locator Units to transmit response signals after the FCC's May 27, 2019 narrowbanding deadline so that older vehicles equipped with these devices may be tracked and recovered if stolen. We believe that the FCC's grant of IAATI's Waiver Request will benefit greatly CMPD and the public.

CMPD uses vehicle locators to find stolen vehicles. A number of times we have recovered stolen vehicles because the systems have alerted officers. We have recovered vehicles in parking lots, storage facilities, and even inside private residences. A number of times these discoveries have led to the arrest of individuals who are operating chop shops. We have been able to shut down a number of these chop shops over the years. The vehicle locators have been the first step in many organized chop shop investigations.



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A large number of vehicles that we recover are older model vehicles. Many of them do not have very good security measures and they would be difficult to find. North Carolina has a problem with older vehicles being sold to scrap yards to the metal. This is a constant problem and it occurs with vehicles that are older than ten years old. In NC, a title is not needed to sell a vehicle to a salvage yard if the vehicle is older than 10 years.

We urge the FCC to adopt in full IAATT's Waiver Request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sgt RS Tonsberg".

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