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

Re: New Orleans 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:

The New Orleans Police Department 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.

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 the New Orleans Police Department and the public.

LoJack was instrumental in locating two auto theft rings which resulted in several vehicle recoveries, which lead our Auto Theft Unit to three chop shop operations. LoJack has been operating in our jurisdiction since October - 2000 resulting in numerous Auto Theft recoveries.

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

Respectfully,

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