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

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Subject: Letter of support for request for Partial Waiver of Section 90.20(e)(6)(ii) by the  
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators **PS Docket No. 13-281**

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) 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 greatly benefit the WSP and the public.

In 2012 the WSP recovered ten LoJack equipped stolen vehicles. Currently in 2013, the WSP has recovered 12 LoJack equipped vehicles. This system is effective in the successful recovery of LoJack equipped vehicles, assisting citizens in recovering their vehicles in a short amount of time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
CHIEF JOHN R. BATISTE

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cc: Mr. Frank Zangar, LoJack

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