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**To:** Wireless

**Subject:** Proposals and Changes to the Spectrum in Certain Bands Below 1.7 GHz DGTP-004-05

1. I am very concerned about your proposal to allow Multi-use radios in the 150 MHz Band as set out in DGTP-004-05. In particular my concern is for the impact of this re-allocation of the radio spectrum on Emergency Services organizations (Police, Fire and Ambulance). Currently there is a problem in this area of the spectrum for Public Safety services both with radio frequency interference and with the lack of available new frequency pairs for Emergency Services communications. This is particularly the case in areas along the Canada/US border.

My current Fire Department client has been unable to obtain approval from Industry Canada for new frequency pairs for their planned new Emergency Mobile radio system. This new system is badly needed to replace an existing outdated and obsolete system. The existing communications system is at high risk of failure and needs to be replaced quickly to ensure adequate Emergency incident communications. Yet despite this situation and the best effort of the Industry Canada representative, we have had to place the project "on-hold" pending approval of new frequency pairs.

Reducing the available radio spectrum (for Emergency Services) and placing the remainder at risk from interference does not make much sense to me. I hope your Department will re-consider this action.

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