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To: Spectrum.Engineering

Subject: 700 MHz Broadband for Public Safety

Dear Sir or Madam,

As the chief of the City of St. Thomas Fire Department, I implore you to seize this opportunity and make the right decision on the fate of the 700 MHz band.

On behalf of all front line emergency workers, the ones we all depend on when conditions have deteriorated and our lives are being threatened, I ask that you to give us the tools we require to give the public we serve the best opportunity for a positive outcome. In the 25 years that I have been involved in the fire and rescue service, communication is almost always the weakest link in our emergency system and this complaint is echoed by all emergency response services.

I will not belabor the point but once again, this truly is a unique opportunity not likely to be seen again. I ask you to consider everything carefully and place public safety at the forefront of your decision. 700 MHz should be given to the public in the hands of their emergency responders.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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