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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable John Kerry
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter in support of the City of Boston's waiver request in PS Docket 06-229, seeking authority to deploy a public safety broadband system in the 10 megahertz of 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum currently licensed to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (763-768/793-798 MHz). Ensuring availability of the tools needed by our nation's first responders is one of my highest priorities, and I appreciate efforts by communities across the country to upgrade their public safety communications systems.

On August 14, 2009, the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau placed Boston's request for waiver (along with twelve similar petitions) on Public Notice for comment. The comment period for these petitions closed on November 16, 2009. Be assured that the Commission will accord it full and fair consideration, and will issue a decision as expeditiously as possible.

I appreciate your bringing this important matter to my attention. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski".

Julius Genachowski
Chairman