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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

Thank you for your letter conveying your support for the recent proposed changes to the Commission's rules governing E911 location accuracy. The Commission must preserve certain core values even as technology advances and consumers' use of that technology evolves. Nowhere is that imperative clearer than in the arena of public safety. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

Our original E911 location accuracy rules were written when wireless phones were a secondary means of communication and used primarily outside. However, as you correctly note, more and more consumers today use wireless phones as their primary means of communication, and 911 calls are increasingly being made from wireless phones while indoors. Our rules need to reflect these new realities. The proposals on which we sought comment in February seek to ensure that our rules continue to evolve along with technology and changing consumer habits.

We have received a large number of comments in response to our proposals. In addition, we have received input on location technologies from the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council that will be a critical component of this process. Most recently the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), AT&T Mobility, Sprint, T-Mobile USA, and Verizon filed a "Roadmap for Improving E911 Location Accuracy" (Roadmap). We acknowledge and appreciate these parties' hard work in reaching this agreement, but I also know that many public safety organizations have expressed concerns about the Roadmap. Accordingly, we have sought expedited comment on the Roadmap, with comments due December 15<sup>th</sup> and reply comments due December 24<sup>th</sup>. Commission staff will be closely reviewing the record, and we hope to move forward with a decision soon.

Thank you again for your support and for being a leading advocate on this critical issue. I look forward to working with you and your staff in the future on these and other important public safety issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler