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WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

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The Honorable Robert A. Brady  
U. S. House of Representatives  
102 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brady:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Commission grant the Amtrak Police Department access to public safety frequencies. I wholeheartedly agree that efficient and effective communication during emergencies is critical. Your views on this issue are very important to us.

In that regard, I recently circulated a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to my fellow Commissioners that addresses the issue you raise. The draft NPRM builds on a petition for rulemaking filed by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), which urges the Commission to permit railroad police, including Amtrak police, to use interoperability and mutual aid channels in several public safety spectrum bands for the purpose of communicating with state and local law enforcement officials in railroad-related emergencies.

I appreciate your interest and will be happy to keep your office updated on additional action that the Commission may take in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Wheeler