

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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May 16, 2019

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

It has come to our attention that in March of this year the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in WT Docket No. 17-200. As you are aware, this NPRM proposes to reconfigure “the 900 MHz band to facilitate the use of wireless broadband.” While we fully support the FCC’s actions to make spectrum available for commercial use, especially for next generation 5G mobile broadband, we also believe the FCC should remain steadfast in its mission to minimize any unnecessary, and potentially detrimental, radio interference for all users within the 900 MHz band.

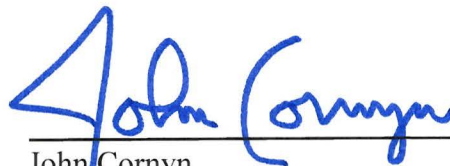
One incumbent who operates in the 900 MHz band is the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in Texas, which uses the 900 MHz band to conduct its services along the lower Colorado River basin. Specifically, the LCRA currently operates a radio network on the 900 MHz band, which it shares with more than 45 cities, counties, electric utilities and other public safety organizations and first-responders, to carry out mission-critical communications. The LCRA also maintains over 275 automated river and weather gauges that solely rely on the 900MHz band to mitigate flooding in Central Texas.

We would like to thank your staff for meeting with, and listening to, the LCRA’s concerns in March of this year. As the Commission moves forward in its consideration of the reconfiguration of the 900 MHz band, we ask that you and your staff, consistent with the Commission’s statutory obligations, work to minimize interference issues for all users within the 900 MHz band, including the LCRA, and look forward to the completion of the reconfiguration.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator



John Cornyn
United States Senator



Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress