

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Recommendations of the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability*, PS Docket No.12-74, Order of Transmittal

Earlier this year, Congress passed landmark legislation to finally deliver a nationwide wireless broadband network for first responders. Under this new law, the Commission was asked to assemble a board of experts to develop minimum technical requirements to ensure a nationwide level of interoperability. As required by the law, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)—the authority charged with building this network—must incorporate all of the recommendations that are aimed at ensuring interoperability into their requests for proposals.

I am happy to see that, by all accounts, the Interoperability Board did a stellar job in carrying out its role in this important national priority. The Board's recommendations have received widespread praise for their technical rigor and for providing FirstNet with the flexibility necessary to get this network up and running.

I want to thank Chairman Genachowski and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for assembling this group of experts. Thank you also to Chairman Chuck Robinson and all the members of the Interoperability Board for the important work they did in such a short time.