



September 21, 2010

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Rockefeller:

The universal availability of secure, reliable, priority access and public safety grade broadband communications is critical to the advancement of emergency medical care for patients in the United States. The best way to assure this availability is to allocate the 700 MHz D block to public safety for use in conjunction with the 700 MHz broadband spectrum licensed to the national public safety broadband license holder, to fund network development, and to coordinate both sets of spectrum through that license holder and its public safety representative board. We strongly endorse your legislation, S. 3756 - the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010, and hope that it will become the vehicle to accomplish this.

As national organizations representing emergency medical service (EMS) provider agencies, professionals, and EMS system and service officials, we wish to emphasize that the potential provided by new field EMS diagnostic and treatment technology is impeded by the limitations of the narrowband communications systems we have used, basically without change, since the early 1970's. We believe that EMS may well become one of the biggest users of public safety broadband to bring lifesaving capabilities to our patients. We encourage your staff to work with leaders of the Public Safety Alliance and Public Safety Spectrum Trust to tailor this legislation to best meet these needs.

We offer you our support in making S.3756 a success for the Nation.

Sincerely,



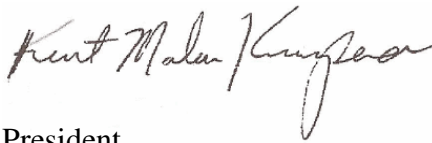
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