



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

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Honorable Peter T. King
U.S. House of Representatives
339 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman King:

Thank you for your letter conveying your strong support for the recent proposed changes to the Commission's rules governing wireless E911 location accuracy.

I wholeheartedly agree that ensuring the highest level of public safety is of utmost importance. The Commission must preserve certain core values even as technology advances and consumers' use of that technology evolves. Nowhere is that imperative more clear than in the arena of public safety.

Our E911 location accuracy rules were written when wireless phones were a secondary means of communication, and were mostly used outside. As you so aptly note, however, today, more and more consumers use wireless phones as their primary means of communication, and 9-1-1-calls are increasingly being made from wireless phones while indoors. Our rules need to reflect these new realities. The proposals we sought comment on in February take the next steps to ensure that our rules continue to evolve along with technology and changing consumer habits.

Thank you again for your support and being a leading advocate on this critical issue. Your longstanding record of supporting law enforcement professionals and first responders is to be commended.

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 blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler