

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Napolitano and Chairman Genachowski:

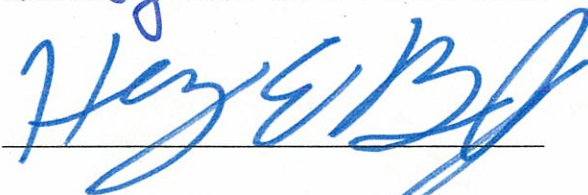
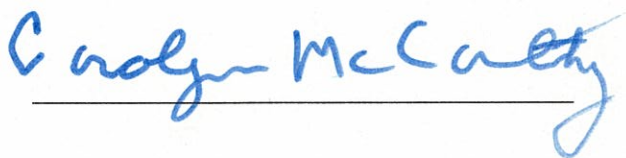
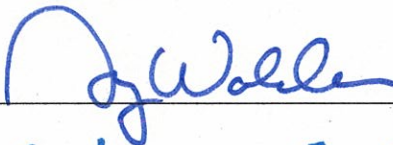
We are writing to request that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) explore the potential benefits for the American public of including FM radio tuners in mobile telephone handsets.

The Warning Alert and Response Network ("WARN") Act of 2006 authorized the commercial mobile telephone industry to create an emergency alerting system. It is our understanding that incorporating FM radio tuners in mobile phones could help achieve this goal. Radio's emergency alert system (EAS) is a proven, reliable service.

There are well over seven hundred million cell phones with FM radios globally. Currently, only a handful of FM radio enabled cell phones are in the U.S. market. There is no excuse for American consumers' access to advanced technology to lag behind that available worldwide.

Accordingly, we would encourage both DHS and FCC to consider extending Americans' access to radio EAS information via mobile phone handsets. Everyone involved, including the American public and public safety officials, as well as the mobile phone and broadcasting industries, stands to benefit.

Sincerely,



cc: FCC Commissioners

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