



July 11th, 2011

The Honorable John Dingell
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Dingell,

The Communications Workers of America (CWA) support your efforts to enact comprehensive legislation that would provide public safety with dedicated spectrum that would create a nationwide, interoperable wireless broadband communications system. CWA represents 700,000 workers in communications, media, airlines, manufacturing and public service, including 16,000 public safety employees.

It is long past time to provide dedicated spectrum for a nationwide broadband communications system. In an emergency situation such as September 11 or Hurricane Katrina, public safety cannot depend upon commercial networks. Public safety needs its own dedicated network, built and maintained by network operators with skilled, career employees.

We appreciate your efforts to find compromise on this critical and much needed improvement of our public safety communications system. The safety and well being of all communities across this country cannot afford further delay in moving forward with this critical public safety initiative.

Again, we applaud your diligence to advance this important issue and stand with you in your efforts to ensure passage of legislation. CWA joins with other leading public safety organizations in supporting your efforts to advance critical legislation that will address the need for a nationwide, interoperable wireless broadband communications system.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Larson', is written over a horizontal line.

Shane Larson
Legislative Director