



September 30, 2010

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

Dear Chairman Rockefeller:

I am writing to express Zetron's enthusiastic support for your legislation, S. 3756—the *Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010*.

As a manufacturer of public safety communications systems for over 30 years, we understand the significant benefits to public health and safety the legislation offers.


It would establish the funding necessary to construct and maintain a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network. The network is a critical step toward achieving the interoperability public safety agencies and first responders need in order to communicate with each other during disasters and events that span jurisdictions and agencies. It will also strengthen our nation's homeland security and provide first responders with voice, video, and data communications technologies that will improve their ability to protect our communities and save lives.

The *Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act* would:

- Establish a framework for the deployment of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network for public safety.
- Allocate 10 MHz of spectrum—the-D Block—to public safety.
- Direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to develop the standards necessary to ensure nationwide interoperability and build-out (including in rural areas).
- Direct the FCC to establish standards that allow public safety officials, when not using the network, to lease capacity on a secondary but preemptive basis to non-public safety entities.
- Provide the FCC with incentive auction authority, allowing existing spectrum licensees to relinquish their airwaves in exchange for a portion of the proceeds of the commercial auction of their spectrum. The funds from these auctions, in conjunction with funds from the auction of other spectrum bands and funds earned from leasing the public safety network on a secondary basis, would be used to fund the construction and maintenance of the nationwide interoperable wireless broadband public safety network.

Again, you have our fullest support and encouragement as you seek to pass this legislation.

Best Regards,



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Zetron, Inc.