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The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As the Commission prepares to establish indoor location accuracy rules for 9-1-1, I urge you to strongly consider the views expressed by many in the public safety and disability communities.

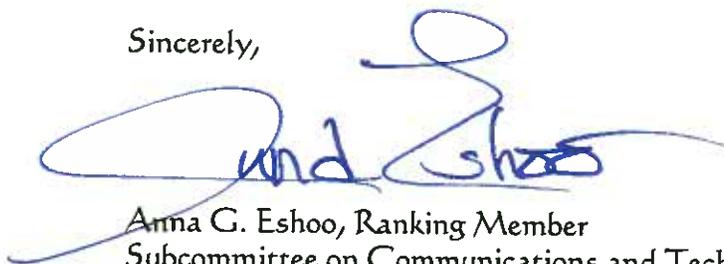
Given the increasing number of 9-1-1 calls being placed from wireless phones (70 percent by one estimate), it is critical that the agency adopt indoor location accuracy rules that are robust, enforceable and measurable. Specifically, the FCC should consider the following principles:

- Rules should ensure specific and enforceable metrics for indoor location accuracy. As the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) wrote in a letter to the FCC last week, "Proposals to blend indoor and outdoor results would result in data of little to no value in evaluating indoor location performance."
- Rules should establish a requirement for vertical accuracy. In a filing before the FCC last week, Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TDH) stated, "vertical accuracy is a key goal and what the communities we represent need so we can be located when we call 9-1-1 and cannot communicate our location for whatever reason." Similarly, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) stated that the value of vertical accuracy is important, "not only for finding the general public, but potentially also being able to use this technology to locate firefighters in the future as the technology becomes more robust."

- Rules should be technology neutral and ensure that wireless carriers are not limited to a single technology solution. Last month a coalition of public safety organizations, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) stated, "the FCC must ensure the Carriers utilize all potential technology options in determining the dispatchable location of a 9-1-1 caller using a wireless device, including technology using both compensated and uncompensated barometric pressure."

I share your commitment to improving the indoor location accuracy of calls made to 9-1-1 and look forward to working with you to ensure the FCC's rules truly meet the needs of our first responders.

Sincerely,



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