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June 13, 2012

The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Re: State of Alaska Comments on the Development of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

On May 16, 2012, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) released a Request for Information (RFI) requesting public comment on matters related to the development of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program to assist local and state governments in preparing for a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. NTIA has requested comments by June 15, 2012. The attached comments represent the views of the State of Alaska regarding the development of this program.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments to NTIA. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Major Matt Leveque, Deputy Director of the Alaska State Troopers at matthew.leveque@alaska.gov or (907) 269-5511 or Nathan Butzlaff, Associate Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of Governor Sean Parnell, at nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov or (202) 624-5988.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Masters", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph A. Masters
Commissioner

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cc: The Honorable Don Young, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives
 The Honorable Mark Begich, Senator, U.S. Senate
 The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Senator, U.S. Senate
 Kip Knudson, Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of Governor Sean Parnell,
 State of Alaska
 The Honorable Susan Bell, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community, and
 Economic Development, State of Alaska
 The Honorable T.W. Patch, Chair, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, State of Alaska
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