



What if Congress Held a Vote, but the Communications Network Failed?

This is the exact situation that first responders in cities across America face every day as they put their lives on the line. They simply cannot rely on the existing communications network.

Recognizing the threat posed to America by this communications crisis, The U.S. Conference of Mayors, assembled at its annual meeting in Oklahoma City, unanimously adopted a resolution Monday that calls on Congress to support our first responders by allocating critical D-Block radio spectrum to public safety and providing needed funding for a National Communications Network.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors commends Chairman Rick Boucher for holding important hearings to examine the communications challenges facing public safety and the urgent need for a nationwide, interoperable communications network developed, implemented and managed by public safety.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors opposes the proposal in the FCC's National Broadband Plan to auction the D-Block spectrum to a commercial provider and calls on Congress to immediately pass legislation to block this FCC plan that fails to address America's public safety communications crisis.

Almost nine years since 9/11, it is hard to believe that America still fails to have a National Communications Network. We are encouraged by Chairman Boucher's willingness to hear the concerns of police, fire and EMS personnel.

America's mayors urge Congress to allocate the D-Block spectrum to public safety and to provide needed funding. The time is now. America needs a nationwide, interoperable communications network.

**America's Mayors Stand Behind America's First Responders.
Congress Must Assign the D-Block to Public Safety.
Congress Must Provide the Funding.**

America's Safety Depends on It.



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