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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and
Information
U.S. Department of Commerce National
Telecommunications and Information
Administration
Room 4898
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

On August 21, 2012, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced requirements for the State and Local Implementation Grant Program authorized by Section 6302 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act). The notice described the programmatic requirements under which NTIA will award grants to assist state, local, and tribal governments to use while planning a nationwide, interoperable, public safety broadband network.

The Act directs each state to include, in its application for grant funds, a designated officer or governmental body to serve as coordinator of the grant funds and be responsible for determining the method of consultation between FirstNet and the state. For purposes of communication, coordination, and leadership, I have designated Jim Butterworth, Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security, to coordinate with FirstNet to develop and manage Georgia's governance process as Chair of the Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee for the State of Georgia. Please direct all communications regarding this program to Director Butterworth at the following address:

Jim Butterworth, Director
Georgia Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security
Post Office Box 18055 Atlanta, Georgia 30316-0055
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We look forward to working with you and your staff to implement a public safety broadband network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

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