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My Fellow Board Members:

For good reason and with regret, I am unable to attend today's meeting of the FirstNet Board. I would like to offer the following statement, for the record, which I ask to be read in its entirety at the public meeting as the "special review committee" motion is considered.

"I am pleased that the FirstNet board is holding a meeting today to consider some of the issues I raised at the April 23rd board meeting, and I hope that an independent, comprehensive investigation of the conflict of interest, transparency, and procurement issues raised in the "special review committee" motion will be undertaken. I look forward to working with the special committee to address these issues and move forward toward the implementation of this vital network. The composition of this committee has been described to me, and I call on the members of this new committee to carry out their task in an open and transparent and fair and unbiased process and in accordance with the law establishing FirstNet.

I want to thank my public safety colleagues from around the country for their humbling support of my actions on their behalf, and I promise to continue to represent them with my vote and my voice. To that end, I call on the Chair to address the "Public Safety" issues I raised at the April 23rd board meeting, and I call on my fellow board members to take every action possible to include public safety and our Public Safety Advisory Board Committee (PSAC) in our activities. The PSAC is made up of highly experienced and respected first responders, and we should be actively involving them in our planning processes. I also encourage the board to adhere to the requirement that the FirstNet plan take into account the plans of states and their constituent public safety agencies, as provided by the "consultation process" provisions of the laws. State and local contributions are critical to this process, and I feel that we should wait to finalize our design work until they have shared their detailed planning with us.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for working with me to consider the issues I raised on April 23rd. I believe the Chair has done the right thing in taking the first steps to address the concerns of my motion. I look forward to completing this investigation so we can move forward productively.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul H. Fitzgerald" with the initials "PHF" written below it.

Paul H. Fitzgerald
Story County Sheriff

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Votes By Proxy:

I offer a vote in favor of the "Special Review Committee" motion by proxy.

I offer a vote to abstain on the motion to amend the bylaws.