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Dear Mr. Maich:

Thank you for your letter of April 4, 2011, on behalf of the Big 12 Police Services Boards, about the 700 MHz spectrum for use by emergency services. Premier Dalton McGuinty has also forwarded your correspondence to me. I am pleased to respond.

The forthcoming auction of a newly available spectrum within the 700 MHz range is an issue of prime importance for our government and the wider public safety community across Canada. I am well aware that the auction of this available spectrum is both a historic and rare opportunity to put the right broadband communication tools in the hands of our public safety practitioners.

Please be assured that the Big 12 Police Services Boards' position on this matter corresponds with the provincial/territorial submission on the 700 MHz allocation. On behalf of the Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Emergency Management, I sent a letter to the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry Canada, indicating the requirement to dedicate 20 MHz of the 700 MHz spectrum for public safety purposes.

Mr. Daniel Hefkey, Commissioner of Community Safety, also submitted a letter about this matter to Industry Canada. His letter considers the input of the Province of Ontario Interoperability Task Group, on which the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police is well represented. I appreciate the task group's efforts.

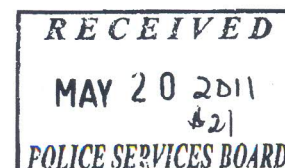
At the January 26, 2011, meeting of the Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Emergency Management, I was encouraged to hear that all of my counterparts agree with Ontario's position on a suitable allocation. Again, you may rest assured that all provinces and territories are speaking to Industry Canada with a unified voice about the allocation of a suitable spectrum within the 700 MHz range.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bradley".

Jim Bradley  
Minister



c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier