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To whom it may concern:

The Texas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (TSIEC) represents all Texas state agencies and has representation from the six (6) FCC Regional Planning Committees within the state. With regard to the plans for re-naming the interoperability channels in all Public Safety radio bands, the TSIEC supports the proposed NPSTC plan.

Earlier this year in Orlando, at the NPSTC meeting to discuss this issue, Texas took a firm position that a uniform channel naming nomenclature would facilitate interoperability within the state and throughout the nation. We still strongly support this initiative and the consensus plan that was produced at that meeting.

Here in Texas, The Texas Interoperability Channel Plan (TICP) is being used as the foundation for interoperability within the state. The TSIEC will utilize the naming conventions, as detailed in the NPSTC consensus plan, as the basis for updating the existing TICP. We strongly urge NPSTC to adopt the consensus plan that was produced in Orlando and recommend that all jurisdictions throughout the State of Texas and the Nation use these channel names in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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