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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
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August 29, 2012

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
1318 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pingree:

Thank you for your letter regarding Maine's waiver request. I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention and have directed the Chief of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to respond. I am pleased to provide the enclosed letter addressing your concerns.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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In Reply Refer To:
1200721

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
United States House of Representatives
1318 Longworth House Office Building
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Re: File Nos. 0004980650, *et al.*

Dear Congresswoman Pingree:

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154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Snowe:

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1724 Longworth House Office Building
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