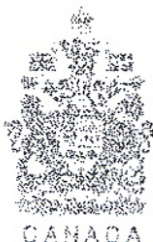


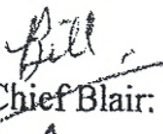
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August 17, 2011

Chief William Blair  
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Dear Chief Blair:

I am pleased to extend my personal thanks for your warm words of congratulations following the May 2 federal election. I have a great deal of admiration and respect for the important work carried out by emergency first responders.

I appreciated the opportunity to review the important issues raised in your correspondence, including broadband networks for Mission Critical Public Safety Data. As noted in your letter, our Government is committed to setting aside spectrum for emergency responders as part of the next wireless spectrum auction. At present, the structure of the auction has not been finalized.

I have taken the liberty of sharing your correspondence with the Hon. Christian Paradis, Minister of Industry and Minister of State (Agriculture). I would encourage you to share your views on this matter with the Minister. I am certain he would welcome a dialogue.

Your ongoing efforts are essential to the safety and security of our communities. Our Government looks forward to your continued input and expertise in the months and years ahead.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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cc: The Hon. Christian Paradis, P.C., M.P., Minister of Industry and Minister of State  
(Agriculture)

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