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Ms. Sue Swensen
Chairman of the Board
First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)
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Reston, Virginia 20192

Dear Ms. Swensen,

Please accept this letter of support for Idaho National Lab to receive authorization to deploy Band 14 on their Wireless Test Range. As Idaho's designated Single Point of Contact for FirstNet activities, I have seen firsthand the dedication, capabilities and expertise within the lab and the range.

The wireless range, and the lab, has demonstrated their commitment to public safety in Idaho and across the nation by willingly providing their subject matter expertise to the public safety community. In addition they maintain extensive experience in wireless, cyber security and disaster management. This commitment and this expertise uniquely enable the lab to be an asset to the national effort to bring dedicated wireless broadband to public safety users across the country.

Deploying band 14 repeaters to the lab's wireless test range will enable their testing of interoperation of land mobile radio and LTE communications, training for first responders in broadband technologies, development of concepts of operations for wireless broadband, and the creation of security policies that can apply to dynamic networks such as FirstNet.

This authorization would be an asset to our state and nation. I hope this letter can assist INL in receiving band 14 authorization, so that they may assist us all in becoming more capable and resilient.

Sincerely,

Brad Richy, Brig Gen
Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

cc: Ali Afrashteh, Chief Technology Officer