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Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Chairman Martin:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida (BCBSF) is dedicated to maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all our state's residents. As another hurricane season approaches, all Floridians continue to assess how we respond to natural disasters and other homeland security situations. Two-way satellite communications are a critical part of our state's hurricane preparedness and believe these communications save lives and give Floridians peace of mind.

I have recently learned one voice and data service provider, Mobile Satellite Ventures, L.P. (MSV), has developed a new terrestrial-satellite system that will allow our first responders to easily shift to satellite service whenever local land facilities are overloaded or destroyed, as well as receive broadband access over the same handheld device. It will also provide the only mobile broadband service available to many rural and remote areas.

I believe the Commission should foster and support new developments in satellite communications and ensure ventures such as MSV's and others that assist first responders and other emergency personnel can advance. The Commission can play an important role in making these vital services possible by redistributing the L band spectrum among current parties that control the L band spectrum in North America so their shares are contiguous. It can also assist the MSV effort by returning the L band spectrum MSV loaned to another party.

I encourage the Commission take steps to alleviate any obstacles so voice and data service providers can make their next-generation satellite services available to all citizens in a timely, efficient manner. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wollitz