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Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC)
Requests Dismissal of Mobile Broadband Coalition Proposal

(Mclean, VA) The LMCC urged the FCC to dismiss as “entirely without merit” the Mobile Broadband Coalition’s suggestion that the FCC initiate a rulemaking proceeding to “repurpose” the 851-861/806/816 MHz band to a “flexible use and market based approach.” In their August 29 letter to the FCC, the LMCC stated that the Coalition’s proposal “blithely ignores the current use of the band for vital public safety and business communications and the absence of suitable replacement spectrum for the many thousands of users that would be displaced by the adoption of this approach.” The LMCC also noted that the Coalition’s recommendations “disregards the ongoing reconfiguration of this band that already has consumed seven years, billions of dollars and the extraordinary efforts of public safety and other incumbents”, and asks whether the Mobile Broadband Coalition “expects the parties engaged in this effort to continue their work, even though these rebanded systems then would be dismantled in favor of the uber-LTE network.” The LMCC concluded that such a proposal could “only have come from parties without any meaningful operations in this band.”

The Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) is a nonprofit association of nineteen organizations that represent the wireless communications interests of public safety, critical infrastructure, business, industrial, transportation, private and common carriers, and manufacturers of wireless communications equipment.