



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

June 24, 2019

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Engel,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the Nation's largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, would like to establish strong support for the *Don't Break Up the T-Band Act of 2019* (H.R. 451). If the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) begins to auction off the T-Band spectrum that has been allocated to public safety, current first responders on the T-Band and those agencies and departments that have spent years working towards a goal of better communication standards during emergency operations and major incidents will suffer. The citizens that are protected by those public safety officials in major urban areas will suffer from strained capabilities where it could have been prevented.

This legislation has direct impact on over a dozen of the Major Cities Chiefs members. My officers within the Houston Police Department and the entire Houston metropolitan area will be negatively impacted if we lose the T-Band. Numerous other large urban areas throughout our nation will be negatively impacted to include New York, Boston, District of Columbia, San Francisco, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and more.

By passing H.R. 451 to repeal the requirements of the FCC to auction the T-Band spectrum, Congress will be supporting the efforts of public safety to protect our citizens and our large metropolitan areas. The outcome of this legislation in Congress could touch nearly 50 million people nationwide. We look forward to the passing of this legislation and to the furthered protection of our communities.

Sincerely,

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