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**Statement from PSST Chairman Chief Harlin McEwen on the
“Public Safety Broadband Authorization Act of 2008”**

Yesterday, Representative Jane Harman introduced legislation in Congress that would, among other things, establish a grant program, overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to provide funding for the administrative and operational costs of the Public Safety Broadband Licensee, a position held by the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST). No Member of Congress has worked harder than Congresswoman Harman to advance the communications goals of public safety and the PSST appreciates the contributions she has made in helping to create a nationwide network for first responders. We look forward to working with Congresswoman Harman and other Members of Congress to share our view of the appropriate role for the PSST in the public-private partnership, consistent with PSST’s obligations to the public safety community. The PSST welcomes the opportunity to share its thoughts as part of the FCC’s comment period on yesterday’s proposed rulemaking and we look forward to working with Congress and the FCC in making the re-auction of the 700 MHz D Block a success.

About the PSST

The PSST, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL), holding an FCC license for public safety spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band designated for nationwide wireless broadband use. The PSST’s mission is to provide national public safety leadership an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met. For additional information, visit www.psst.org.

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