



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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John A. Mirisch, Mayor

June 17, 2019

The Honorable Ted Lieu
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: HR 451, Don't Break Up the T-Band Act
City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Lieu,

The City of Beverly Hills joins the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System Joint Powers Authority and the International Association of Fire Chiefs in **Supporting HR 451, Don't Break Up the T-Band Act**, which would repeal the Federal Communications Commission's statutory mandate to begin to auction Public Safety T-Band by February 2021. The City respectfully urges you to cosponsor this legislation.

Beverly Hills is a founding member of the ICI System, a government agency that sustains primary interoperable public safety communications for more than sixty (60) Police and Fire agencies in Los Angeles County. Additionally, ICI supports the primary communications of more than twenty-five (25) critical 9-1-1 Dispatch Centers and the largest narcotics Task Force in the region, L.A. Impact.

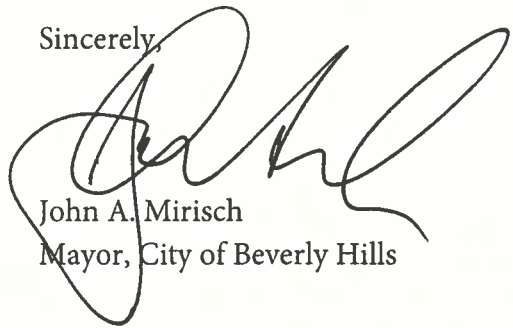
ICI member cities include: Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Covina, Culver City, Downey, El Monte, El Segundo, Gardena, Glendale, Glendora, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Irwindale, La Verne, Manhattan Beach, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Redondo Beach, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Marino, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Torrance, Vernon, West Covina, and Whittier.

These public safety agencies, charged with protecting several million residents within hundreds of square miles of Southern California, are fully dependent upon the T-Band for mission critical first responder communications.

The displacement of T-Band would have a significant negative impact upon first responder resources across the nation and place both the public and our public safety personnel at unnecessary risk. Additionally, a repeal of the T-Band Auction requirement will avert a very costly set back to public safety interoperability in what are already the most at-risk urban areas.

Thank you for your consideration in cosponsoring this very important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mirisch', is written over the typed name and title.

John A. Mirisch
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills