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Dear Mr. D'Agostino,

We were pleased to hear FirstNet Board members Jeff Johnson and Chuck Dowd express support for additional pilot projects to provide lessons learned for the nationwide public safety broadband network at the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) on March 27, 2014. BayRICS supports additional FirstNet pilots as an efficient way to test technical and business models and to generate enthusiasm from public safety stakeholders in key regions across the country.

BayRICS submits this letter as an official "expression of interest" in working with FirstNet to develop a pilot network as quickly as feasible in the Bay Area. BayRICS is confident that the San Francisco Bay Area remains an ideal candidate for early deployment of the LTE network.

The Bay Area is uniquely positioned to be a successful pilot:

- We have demonstrated enthusiastic support across all public safety disciplines, and have the incentive to make the pilot a positive success story.
- We have established a regional governance structure that has been tested and is ready to oversee deployment pilot networks;
- Much of the initial groundwork has already been completed in the Bay Area, including site and backhaul planning and approvals, and network design elements and local management and governance procedures;
- The Bay Area's topography and population diversity would allow testing across multiple geographic and population densities and threat scenarios in a single deployment;
- The high-tech industry in Silicon Valley, San Francisco and Oakland is eager to participate in testing cutting-edge network equipment, configurations and applications;

We encourage FirstNet Board to view a Bay Area pilot as an opportunity to solidify and build on the existing relationship with Bay Area public safety. At your request, we will

provide you with more detailed concepts for a Bay Area pilot. In addition, I propose that we set up a meeting at your convenience to discuss pilot options in the Bay Area. I travel to the DC area quite frequently and would be happy to meet at your offices in Washington, DC, or any other location if you prefer.

Sincerely,



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