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Statement of FCC Chairman Michael Powell on GAO Opinion Letter Regarding FCC Action in 800 MHz Proceeding

I am pleased that GAO recognizes the FCC's legal authority to implement a solution to the 800 MHz interference problem.

The GAO independently confirmed that the Commission's authority to regulate spectrum in the public interest is broad enough to include the tools we utilized to resolve this critical public safety matter.

GAO's decision provides further impetus to the entire industry to work with the FCC as we implement our plan to improve communications for public safety and emergency responders.