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I am writing on behalf of [Find Me 911](#), an effort supported by more than [85,000 individuals](#) and organizations representing a broad range of 911 operators, first responders and emergency medical services personnel. Find Me 911 seeks to ensure that 911 works in today's wireless age, enabling first responders to quickly and efficiently locate emergency calls placed from wireless phones in all locations.

Despite the fact that the majority of calls to 911 originate from mobile phones, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not established a location requirement for wireless calls placed indoors. (There are requirements for wireless calls originating outdoors.)

We urge Members of the Senate Commerce Committee to address this critical issue during Tuesday's FCC confirmation hearing for Tom Wheeler and to urge Mr. Wheeler to make this issue a top priority should he be confirmed.

The need for such a requirement is urgent:

- As the FCC has estimated, of the approximately 240 million 911 calls placed each year, 70 percent are now placed from wireless phones;
- At least 50 percent of all wireless calls originate indoors, according to industry estimates;
- Nearly one-third of households in the United States are wireless-only, with no landline, and totally reliant on wireless phones during emergencies; and
- The preferred location technology of the wireless carriers, AGPS, while effective outdoors, does not function effectively in many indoor and urban environments where line of sight to the GPS satellites is obstructed.

Now is the time for the Federal Communications Commission to move forward quickly to establish a reasonable, measurable level of location accuracy for emergency calls made indoors, enabling first responders to locate emergency calls from wireless phones from all locations rapidly and efficiently.

We look forward working cooperatively with the Committee and the Commission to achieve this important goal.

Sincerely,

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