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MAP DISSAPOINTED WITH FCC NOTICE IN 700 MHZ PROCEEDING

MAP's statement in response to FCC adoption of 9th Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Implementation of A Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network In the 700 MHz Band:

"The FCC's action today essential recreates the Cyren Call proposal the Commission rejected last month. While this rulemaking has the virtue of complying with the applicable statute, the same problems that afflicted the Cyren Call proposal afflict the proposed rulemaking as well."

"Notably, the proposal would create a monopoly national franchise for one lucky provider, nominally under the supervision of some unnamed public safety licensee but in reality operating without any constraint or public interest obligations beyond making the spectrum "interruptable" for public safety use."

"The public is not served by creating monopoly providers. The public is not served by giving spectrum to exclusive licensees for free in exchange for only nominal benefits to the broader public interest community."

"There is a fairy tale of a boy named Jack who sells his only milk cow for magic beans that produce a giant bean stalk that leads to a goose that lays golden eggs. But spectrum policy is not a fairy tale. If the FCC trades away our spectrum future for a handful of public safety promises, we will find no golden goose at the top of the Cyren Call bean stalk."

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