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## **RCA Commends National Fraternal Order of Police for Opposing Exclusive Access to 700 MHz D-block**

**Washington, DC** – Today the Rural Cellular Association (RCA) applauded the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for speaking out in opposition of attempts by AT&T and Verizon to gain exclusive access to the 700 MHz D-block spectrum. The FOP asserted that the two largest carriers in collaboration with public safety could gain “a virtual monopoly over public safety broadband communications,” and urged the spectrum to be auctioned.

Responding to the FOP’s statement, RCA CEO Steven K. Berry said, “All carriers, especially small rural and regional carriers, deserve the right to bid on 700 MHz D-block spectrum. Auctioning the 700 MHz spectrum in smaller blocks allows rural and regional carriers the opportunity to provide more robust coverage to consumers. An auction of smaller blocks will also have the advantage of providing more revenue to the American taxpayer.

Berry urged the FCC to auction the 700 MHz D-block spectrum as soon as possible.

### **About RCA**

RCA is the nation's leading association for wireless providers serving rural areas of the United States. The licensed service area of RCA's nearly 100 members covers more than 80 percent of the nation.

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