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TO: Mr. Dale Shaw  
Executive Director  
TRWC Radio System  
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Mesa, AZ 85211-968

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I am the Chair for the Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response - Central Region, Communications Working Group. AZCHER - Central is comprised of acute care hospitals in the Phoenix Metro Area that participate in the Hospital Preparedness Program with the Arizona Department of Health Services and other partners. I am writing to request support for access to the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) as an "Interoperability" or "Conditional Use" Participant. This request is on the behalf of all Phoenix Metro Region Hospitals that have 800 MHz radios.

We currently have access to communicate with partners of the Phoenix Fire Dispatch System through the PRWN RWC Radio System. We would like to establish the same relationship with partners in the TRWC Radio System to support public safety needs in providing community services.

Access to the TRWC system will provide firefighters the ability to communicate with ER Staff when other means of communications are unavailable. These communications can improve patient care and destination decisions for the sick and injured. System access will also allow greater coordination of limited Hospital resources during a mass casualty incident and allow patients to be triaged to the appropriate facility that can accommodate treatment in a timely manner.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please contact me at the phone number listed below if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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