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To the Alabama APCO Chapter:

As many of you know, in early August, critical legislation was introduced by Senator Rockefeller that would allocate a sliver of the 700 MHz spectrum known as the "D Block" to public safety. The bill would also provide funding to build-out a nationwide interoperable public-safety broadband network. S. 3756, The Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act is the most effective way for public safety to acquire the spectrum and funding necessary for public safety and first responders to effectively and safely perform their mission critical jobs.

On November 15, 2010, US Senators will return to Capitol Hill to wrap up their legislative duties before the end of the year and the end of the 111th Congress. After that, we start all over again with a new Congress. **Between now and then, we need all APCO members to call their US Senator's district offices and urge them to co-sponsor Senator Rockefeller's legislation.**

**WE MUST HAVE 5-to-10 CO-SPONSORS to S.3756
by next week to send a strong message to Congress,
the Obama Administration, and to the FCC!
Senators Shelby + Sessions = 2!!**

When you call your US Senators' state offices, ask for the **State Director**; be cordial, respectful, positive and insistent. Our records indicate that the last person in this position was:

Mr. Brad Wilson
State Director for Sen. Richard C. Shelby
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Mr. Charles H. Spurlock Jr.,
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Explain to them why it is so important for Alabama first responders to have them co-sponsor this bill to show their support and help get it passed now. Please do include your own personal perspective of why a nationwide interoperable broadband network is needed. As APCO members, it is vital that we continue to push "D Block" to the forefront of our Senators' and House Members' minds.

For more information on D Block, please visit www.psafirst.org. Remember, the more the state directors hear from you, the more your Senators will see this as a high priority issue!

Thank you,

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