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**From:** Brad Dye [brad@braddye.com]  
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**To:** Lisa Fowlkes  
**Subject:** The Commission's Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks

With all due respect, my comments to the panel:

While I applaud chairman Martin and the distinguished members of the commission's Independent Panel for their efforts, I was shocked when I could not find one single representative from the Radio Paging industry on the list of participants. Radio Paging has been, and continues to be, the most reliable, most efficient, and the most cost-effective means that we have to communicate with people in times of crisis. Whether for informing the public at large or for contacting early responders, Radio Paging is without equal in its reliability, security, and speed.

During hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Radio Paging continued to operate in most affected areas where other wireless and wireline services did not.

On September 23, 2005, a letter was sent to the Honorable Kevin Martin from the American Association of Paging Carriers (AAPC) asking that someone from the Radio Paging industry be appointed to the panel. While I cannot speak for the AAPC, I do respectfully ask that you circulate a copy of their letter to the panel. It is available through the following link:

[http://braddye.com/aapc\\_usam\\_letter.pdf](http://braddye.com/aapc_usam_letter.pdf) <--- click here

The Radio Paging industry is perhaps one of the few -- or possibly the only -- wireless industry that is not trying to sell the government a new multi-million dollar communications infrastructure. The Radio Paging systems of this country currently provide service to over eight million Americans in all fifty states and they are not only already deployed but this technology lends itself to unique advantages not available in most other technologies. The unique feature of "group call" allows paging technology to send a common message to groups of people unlimited in size. This means that literally millions of people could receive a common text message in seconds -- this is also great for the hearing impaired. Critical messages can be quickly translated and sent to other language groups as well.

Sincerely,

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