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Thank you, Chairman Capuano, and distinguished Members of the Subcommittee on Capitol Security for the opportunity to speak to you today about my knowledge regarding the efforts of the United States Capitol Police to upgrade their radio system.

On June 10, 2008, I had an opportunity to meet with several representatives of the United States Capitol Police. At that time, based on the detailed information they provided to me to upgrade their current radio communication system, I am prepared to testify before the Subcommittee on the following areas:

- 1.) The need for adequate, reliable and secure command and control radio communications for law enforcement and security applications presently and in the future.
- 2.) Current and rapidly expanding data communications applications in fixed, mobile and portable devices.
- 3.) Interior and exterior radio signal propagation coverage and quality within the Capitol, building, associated buildings, including below ground areas, garages and tunnels and an acceptable above ground wider area of the National Capitol Region (NCR).
- 4.) Inter-agency radio communications interoperability including local and federal partner public safety, Law Enforcement, Fire-Rescue, Emergency Medical Service and Emergency Management agencies.
- 5.) Compliant with the standards and recommendations contained in APCO Project 25 relating to interoperability and disparate radio systems and technologies.
- 6.) Scalable and expandable radio system design, equipment and capability.
- 7.) Incorporate proven and effective project management, contract compliance, vendor performance expectations and change order and cost containment safeguards.

I hope that the information that I provide today will be helpful to both the Subcommittee and the USCP in our collective effort to secure the best possible radio communication system in furtherance of protecting the public and the Legislative Branch of our great county the United States of America.