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Dear fellow APCO members and supporters:

It is with much regret that the PAAPCO Executive Board has decided to cancel the 2009 East Coast Regional Conference scheduled for May 17-20 at the Fernwood Resort in the Pocono Mountains. We reached this difficult decision as a direct result of the unprecedented economic climate facing our nation, our industry and our public agencies.

We appreciate the very strong support the Conference has received from the commercial community and from our scheduled presenters. However, state and local agencies across the Region are facing steep budget cuts and even considering furloughs as their tax revenues have declined. In this very difficult environment, we found that travel in general – and out-of-state travel in particular – has been curtailed or even halted by many public safety agencies. Therefore, we are not confident of attendance sufficient to justify the investment of time, money and resources by our presenters, exhibitors and volunteers. We apologize for the inconvenience to everyone involved. We will promptly provide full refunds to all registrants.

Please be assured that the Pennsylvania Chapter of APCO remains financially and organizationally strong, and is widely recognized as a key policy player and respected voice in the Commonwealth. We plan to return with a strong Chapter conference in 2010, and to continue our other traditional events such as our Winter Meeting and holiday dinner. The Pennsylvania Chapter will also be hosting the 2011 APCO International Conference in Philadelphia.

Thank you for your continued support of APCO and Public Safety.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Geiger
President
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