

United States Senate

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July 7, 2019

Commissioner John Fitch
100 West First St.
Mt Pleasant ,Texas 75455

Dear Chairman Pai:

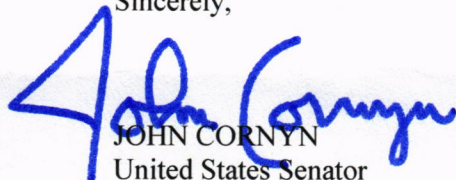
I am writing in support of Titus County's Petition for Special Relief (Petition) seeking to modify the local satellite carriage market for KLTV, KETK, KFXK, and KYTX to include Titus County in east Texas. As you know, I supported passage of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (STELAR) which included a provision extending the market modification process to satellite carriers. In STELAR, Congress ensured that when reviewing such petitions, the FCC shall pay close attention to the "value of localism" to promote consumers' access to television broadcast signals originating in their state of residence.

Receiving local in-state news coverage, including weather and emergency warnings, state and local government and elections, community events, and relevant local sporting events, is of the utmost importance to my constituents in Titus County. Under the current Designated Market Area (DMA) such access is not available for satellite subscribers in Titus County, leaving residents perplexed and frustrated. Residents lament that in Titus County many citizens know more about the Louisiana Governor than the Texas Governor as they receive Shreveport, LA based broadcasts.

I am encouraged that in response to local concern, the county government has taken the initiative to rectify the lack of local, Texas-focused and Texas-produced programming for their community. From my understanding, the Petition would significantly improve the availability of Texas based broadcast content, providing consumers with access to television stations of the most local interest to them.

Access to in-state programming is an important issue to east Texans. I hope the FCC will ensure the Titus County Petition receives swift attention and that the agency move forward towards a quick resolution of this matter, as the FCC recently acted with neighboring Harrison County, Texas and Panola County, Texas. Please keep me apprised of the Petition's progress and should you have any questions, please contact Claire Sanderson (Claire_sanderson@cornyn.senate.gov) of my staff.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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June 11, 2019

Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW,
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to express my strongest support for the petition to the FCC by Titus County, Texas. This petition, signed by Judge Brian Lee, is in response to an issue that affects thousands of our constituents in Titus County and Senate District One.

Currently, customers of Direct TV and Dish Network in Titus County do not receive Texas programming. Titus County does not house any large cities and is currently assigned an out-of-state market and, as such, is an "orphan county." Because of this, residents in the county cannot receive news, weather, sports, and more from in-state broadcast stations.

The people of Titus County have strong ties to their in-state neighboring communities to their south, including Longview (Gregg Co.) and Tyler (Smith Co.). It only makes sense that these communities should be getting their news and weather from those sources.

Per STELA, Titus County is petitioning the FCC for market modifications that would afford our residents the advantage of receiving local broadcast television stations. I wholeheartedly endorse their effort.

I hope you will favorably consider the petition by Titus County. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hughes

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Cole Hefner

District 5

June 19, 2019

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

I kindly ask you to consider allowing our local news programming channels from Tyler, Texas to become accessible to the citizens of Mount Pleasant, Texas who use the satellite services from Dish Network and Direct TV. The current channels made available from Shreveport, Louisiana do not provide the local news and information that pertain to our area here in Northeast Texas. This would be most helpful to our residents to receive the local programming from Tyler. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cole Hefner".

Cole Hefner



