



FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

"You Are Why We Are Here"

November 11, 2019

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20536


Dear Chairman Pai and Commission Board:

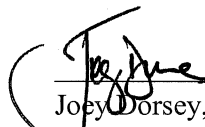
We appreciate the opportunity that legislators and the Federal Communications Commission has offered to local governments through the approval and implementation of the STELAR act. After years of focused effort, the awarded Memorandum and Orders¹ for market modification were considered a great success for the people of Northeast Georgia. The Orders provided a means for our citizens to receive pertinent news, weather, sports, politics, and other broadcasts from our home state.

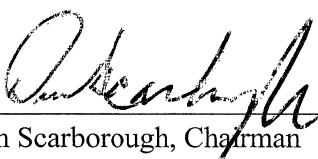
After each County's successful market modification petition, the opposing parties filed an Application for Review which stalled all progress. With no statutory timeframe for the review, hope for our inclusion in our own state has been replaced with added frustration in a challenging process.

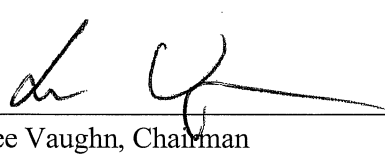
Collectively, Franklin, Hart, Stephens, and Elbert Counties implore you to uphold the Memorandum and Orders granting each County a satellite tv market modification. With each County now in the same status of appeal, we respectfully request that you accelerate any review of the petitions, appeals, and related documentation for each County. We find positivity in the FCC's decision to affirm the La Plata County, CO market modification. The people of Colorado are appreciative of the efforts, and the people of Northeast Georgia look forward to another favorable decision for the citizens.

Thank you for your consideration,


J. Thomas Bridges, Chairman
Franklin County, Georgia


Joey Dorsey, Chairman
Hart County, Georgia


Dean Scarborough, Chairman
Stephens County, Georgia


Lee Vaughn, Chairman
Elbert County, Georgia

¹ Franklin County, GA M&O dated September 17, 2018; Hart County, GA M&O dated October 12, 2018; Stephens County, GA M&O dated April 4, 2019; Elbert County, GA M&O dated July 7, 2019