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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Donna Searcy
The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Searcy:

REFERENCE: FCC PROPOSAL FOR SHARING C-BAND DOWNLINK

I am writing you as a C band satellite retailer in regard to my concerns about the new C band proposal. I have nearly 5,000 customers who are totally dependent upon their backyard dishes for access to quality television channels received by other cable customers.

Although 75% of my installations are void of any terrestrial microwave interference, the remaining 25% are affected to some degree. In fact, I have been forced to remove several systems due to this problem.

Now that equipment and filtering have been improved, the situation is not as severe as it was in prior years. To reallocate some of these channels to other forms of communication would be equivalent to taking away part of the FM radio band. I feel that whatever you do my customers should not come out the losers and would ask that you give serious consideration to these issues.

Sincerely,

Matt Whitcomb

Matt Whitcomb,
President

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