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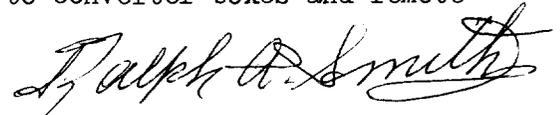
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SUBJECT: ET Docket No. 93-7, re., Implementation of Sect. 17, Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, specifically, compatibility between cable systems and consumer electronics equipment.

I have been apprised by President Ron D. Katznelson, Ph.D., of Multichannel Communications Sciences, Inc., that adoption of their development of a Broadband Descrambler may suffer from a lack of incentive for cable operators to offer this device as an option. As a consumer intervener last March urging certain compatibility standards, we believe that MCSI's\* proposals merit consideration by the Commission with reference to consumer options for access to the most efficacious de-scrambling devices.

Our experience with inadequate provision by cable companies for use of VCRs and cable-ready TV sets without unnecessary charges for boxes and remotes, would lead us to believe that Dr. Katznelson's proposals would be of ultimate benefit to consumers.

Given the data at hand, the League joins with other consumer groups who offer no objection to amending the Commission rules to provide greater incentive for cable operators to move ahead in offering options to converter boxes and remote-control units.



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