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William F. Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Secretary Caton,

This letter is in support of the Comments of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) in the matter of Implementation of Section 19 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992, Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, CS Docket No. 94-48.

I am on the Board of Directors for Dunn County Electric Cooperative and an NRTC member delivering television programming to rural consumers who are largely un-served by cable.

With my consumers living in the rural areas that are sparsely populated, cable many times refuses to provide service and will pass-up these individuals. These rural families have little choice other than satellite for receiving television service.

I need complete access to all programming at fair rates, comparable to those paid by cable, in order to provide comparable service to these rural tax payers.

I believe that Congress has already solved the problem two years ago with the passage of the 1992 Cable Act. Yet we are currently being charged significantly more for broadcast programming than comparatively sized cable companies in our local area. This discriminatory pricing has been detrimental to our business and is not providing the "healthy" competition that I believe was designed into the 1992 Cable Act. Why should cable companies continue to enjoy a "monopoly" by paying less for their programming than our organization? How can this be fair? And what or how will the FCC "police" the activities of the cable companies?

This discriminatory pricing hurts both our business but most importantly the consumer, the average American looking for reasonable television programming at a fair, just price, while I'm unable to compete in my own local marketplace.

I agree whole-heartedly with NRTC's position that the FCC should act to enforce the wishes of Congress as put forth in the 1992 Cable Act. Most importantly, the FCC needs to monitor and act upon violations of these Program Access Violations.

Best Regards,

Wayne J. Weber

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Director-DCEC

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