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Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation: MM Docket No. 92-259

Dear Mr. Caton:

Submitted herewith on behalf of StarSight Telecast, Inc. ("StarSight"), for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, are two copies of a letter from United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to Chairman Reed Hundt.

Please direct any inquires concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

It is our understanding that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will soon be reconsidering the interpretation of the "must carry" provisions of the Cable Act of 1992. We have been informed that one of our constituents, StarSight Telecast, has a petition pending to allow PBS to carry their services as part of their Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI). We hope that you will give their petition your most serious consideration.

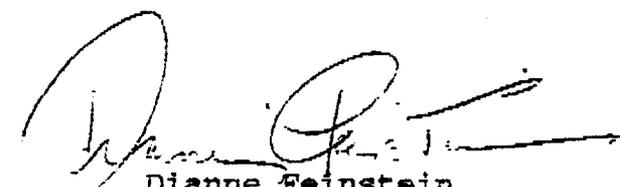
On June 1, StarSight Telecast launched its innovative electronic consumer service utilizing PBS's VBI. StarSight's service is a comprehensive and interactive roadmap on our new information superhighway. It has a theme category for the deaf and for the hard of hearing. It will be offered to schools free of charge through Cable in the Classroom and is the only vehicle that carries PBS's information for parents on their daily "Ready to Learn" program. It allows parents to block out violent or unwanted programming and get information about educational programming. And, StarSight provides income to 200 PBS stations nationwide, including every California PBS affiliate.

We have been informed that certain cable television companies have stripped StarSight's service from public television's VBI in Houston and Brooklyn and that others have threatened to do so. StarSight and PBS claim that such action is not consistent with the Cable Act's intent regarding services that are program-related and serve the public interest.

We respectfully ask you to give StarSight's petition your most serious consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator

  
Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator