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Dear Sir,

I am writing you today to express my unhappiness with the current laws of granting local broadcast stations that are network Television affiliates a monopoly of showing network programming. I realize that this law was set up to protect television stations from being bypassed by the new eighteen inch satellite dishes. Personally, I think in general that this is a good rule.

However, I believe there should be a tighter definition of what a network affiliate TV station is. I live in Atlanta, and the local ABC station,

WSB-TV, in my view, is abusing its monopoly. WSB removes most of ABC's children and family orientated programming with local news and local programming. These program are not rebroadcast at a later time, they are never shown at all. Since WSB-TV is not owned by ABC, ABC cannot do anything about WSB's programming decisions. I believe the FCC should allow satellite dish owners access to network programming in areas served by a network affiliate in cases when the affiliate station does not show the entire broadcast offerings of the network. Dish owners should be charged a monthly fee to view the network programing and part of the fee should go to the affected stations. If a station does show the entire network schedule, dish owners would not be able to view that particular network's programming through their satellite hookups. I feel this a reasonable compromise and it is my hope that the FCC will modify the existing laws in a manner as I have described. I want to thank you for spending the time to read my letter.

Sincerely yours,

Michael

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From: Anderson, Jeffrey G <andersonj@tfr.corona.navy.mil>
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I am in favor of RM-8653, The public should be provided w/ a part of the broadcast spectrum for free. Like the waterways overseen by the government, I am able to use them without having to pay some business, and so should it be with the "airwaves". Thank you for your time.

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