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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Office of Secretary

Dear Mr. Hundt,

RE: CC Docket 96-45, Universal Service

I write in strong support of meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as you implement the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Libraries and schools are losing funding and to enable them to serve as access points to the information infrastructure to students and the public they need a discounted rate. In my district we have no local number to call to access America Online, for instance, because we are in a rural area.

If schools are to train students to use the telecommunications which will be important in their skills for the workplace of the future, we should all be training our students. We need to have it available at a reasonable price to schools.

I encourage you to assure universal service for all Americans by providing discounted and equitable telecommunications rates for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

*Louise B. Miller*

Louise Miller  
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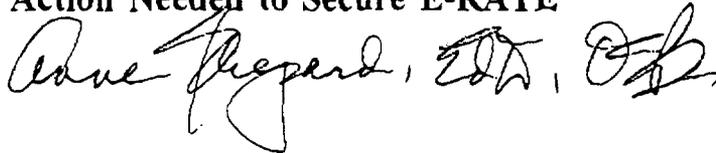
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To: Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman FCC  
FAX: 202-418-2801  
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From: Anne Shepard, OSB Superintendent of Schools  
Re: Action Needed to Secure E-RATE



Dear Mr. Hundt,

On behalf of the thirteen thousand students in our district, I am writing to request your assistance in providing access for ALL children to telecommunications that will enrich curriculum and enhance learning.

We are working very hard to offer excellent educational programs for the students, many of them very poor, whose parents have chosen Catholic schools. Access to all of the available telecommunications services will be possible in our schools only if the rates are affordable and based on a sliding scale that corresponds to the school's ability pay.

Public schools in the state of Missouri have access to significant amounts of monies through various grants. Private schools and Catholic schools, even though they are accredited and providing excellent education for a large number of children, receive no state monies and very little in the way of federal monies. An affordable E-rate is our only means of providing some form of telecommunications access for our students and teachers.

I know that the Federal Communications Commission has been charged with developing regulations regarding how the Telecommunications Act of 1996 will be interpreted and implemented. Please do not overlook the children in private and parochial schools. The population in our urban Catholic schools and our rural schools are not wealthy. Telecommunications in our schools will be the only access many of these children will have.

Thank you for any assistance you may give.

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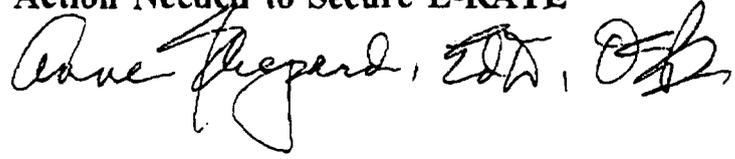
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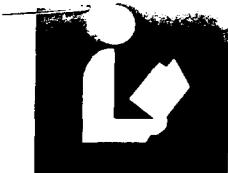
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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The staff of the Beach Library knows firsthand the importance of libraries in providing access to information and resources for all residents. Telecommunications services will play an important role in providing library services in the future.

We ask that you support an affordable and equity rate provision for libraries and request that you express your support for these policies to the FCC as the regulatory proceedings move forward.

Yours truly,

*Jayne P. Coles*

Jayne P. Coles  
Library Director

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# Concordia Parish Library

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Federal Communications Commission  
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September 24, 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW Room 814  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Honorable Hundt:

I write in strong support of meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In passing this landmark legislation, it is clear that Congress meant to ensure that, upon a bona fide request, a carrier must provide services to libraries and schools at a discounted rate, less than the amounts charged for similar services to other parties.

Concordia Parish Library is a rural public library serving a county or parish in Louisiana with many unemployed and economically deprived families. The library will be totally automated in six months. The administration has struggled to get enough money for this endeavor. The telecommunications cost are a major factor in budget planning with limited funds. Please allow libraries to serve all people with fair rates. Many of our library's patrons depend on the public library to provide them the opportunity to use new technology.

Libraries need such an equity rate to enable libraries to serve as community access points to the information infrastructure and to help libraries provide the American public with an expanded range of information opportunities for lifelong learning, work and career development, job hunting, and citizenship. This equity rate will spur library use of new technology and encourage development of new consumer markets while providing consumers with opportunity to gain new skills and technological literacy at their libraries.

To provide libraries with the flexibility to meet community needs, all telecommunications services available commercially, by tariff, or by contract should be available to them at a discount. Libraries need the capacity to support large numbers of simultaneous users and multi-media and high bandwidth applications. Libraries are increasingly the provider of local community electronic information.

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CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Denise L. Kelly  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Woodbridge

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) strongly supports affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

Richard B. Farr  
Past President

Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Connecticut Statewide Educational Technology Plan prepared by the Center for Educational Leadership and Technology in December 1995, estimates that \$300 million would be required to fully implement a statewide educational technology system. Estimated costs include purchasing, installing, and operating the proposed system.

Robert J. Rader  
Executive Director

As the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, CABE asks you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. State and local education budgets in Connecticut are not growing and the tremendous add-on costs associated with technology make a deep discounted e-rate essential. Furthermore, providing flexibility and offering choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs is imperative. Services linked directly into the classroom will provide the greatest benefit for all children.

Patrice A. McCarthy  
Deputy Director  
and General Counsel

CABE urges you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

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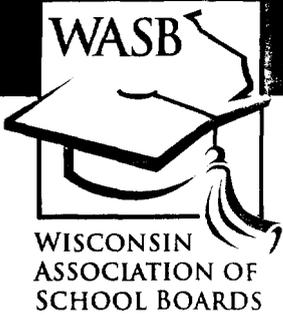
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Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
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1919 M Street, NW Room 814  
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Dear Reed E. Hundt:

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards would like to express our strong support for an affordable, discounted "e-rate" for schools and libraries as the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

With the increase in the usage of computers and telecommunications technology in the workplace and our everyday life, we cannot ignore the need for its presence in the classroom. Yet, a recent survey by the WASB shows that almost 20% of Wisconsin public high schools do not have a single connection to the Internet. An additional 56 high schools still have to pay long distance phone charges to access the Internet. Our survey identified the high cost associated with connecting to the Internet via a long distance phone call as the second largest barrier to Internet access, behind only the financial hurdles of the state imposed revenue caps that limit school spending.

Schools and libraries should have access to advanced telecommunications services at affordable rates for two very important reasons: First, it can improve the quality, efficiency, and responsiveness of the educational system by making available valuable teaching and learning resources on the Internet. The Internet can be used to assist in teacher, librarian, or staff training, improve parent-teacher communication, increase the range of courses and research materials available in schools as well as the breadth of information available to library patrons.

Second, the effective use of advanced telecommunications technology is already an essential employment skill. The key to future economic success is access to information and the ability to transform information into useful knowledge. Schools and libraries are the places where such skills are learned. The demands of today's global economy require that all classrooms and libraries have access to advanced telecommunications technology at affordable rates.

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty Board of Education. This district is located in Nassau County, New York. The board of education and I are writing in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and lifelong learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's work force. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st Century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, we ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

We urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,



Lawrence R. McGoldrick,  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries to afford every school child the access to information technology. The Telecommunication Act which passed earlier this year mandates that an education rate or "e-rate" be developed to secure affordable rates that reflect the financial capability of this community.

Advanced telecommunications services are, no doubt, important to improving learning and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in the present and future workforce.

I ask you, as the Federal Communications Commission and Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to school and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs. It is crucial that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you help bring this world of information to every learner in America by insuring that providers give schools and libraries affordable educational rates for technology.

Sincerely,



Alan C. Sparrow

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write on behalf of the Valley Stream Board of Education of District Thirteen in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

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Our school district has used the New York State curriculum frameworks or standards in all subject areas to develop specific and related objectives which describe how the use of technology supports and extends these standards. In establishing this clear vision of technology's place in our classrooms we are poised to bring all that it offers to our students. The right financial support would make our plan a reality. Nothing widens accessibility like affordability and in a high tax—low wealth community like ours budgets are becoming tighter and harder to pass especially with a nationwide demand for computers in the classrooms. Discounts on all available telecommunications services are the surest pathway to

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Re: Universal Service proceeding - Docket No. 96-45

In the future all adults should know how to send E-mail, something I never learned. ~~and~~ It would be quicker and more efficient than writing this note.

Please insure that all students will be provided the tools to use technology in school.

Sincerely,

Gene Bremer

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William F. Caton, Acting Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted support for affordable telecommunications rates for libraries. I particularly wish to support the below points submitted by the American Library Association in its formal Reply Comments, May 7, 1996:

1. Library rates should be the lower of either the lowest rate currently offered by a carrier to any customer, or the discounted or wholesale rate known as the Total Service Long Run Incremental Cost.
2. All telecommunications services should be available to libraries at discounted rates.

The Richmond Public Library is one of nine public libraries chosen nationwide to receive a \$30,000 MCI Library LINK grant in 1996. MCI Library LINK grants enable libraries to bring the vast resources of the information infrastructure directly to the communities they serve. Specifically, direct, dial in access to the Internet will soon be available to the public from any branch or department of the Richmond Public Library.

Affordable telecommunications rates will be a key factor in the development and maintenance of Internet and similar sources of electronic information services to public library patrons.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Costa  
Robert N. Costa  
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October 22, 1996

Dear Sir,

I am writing in reference to CC Docket 96-45. I am a guidance counselor at Maury River Middle School. I understand the significance of being computer literate now days. It seems like a lot of careers are depending on computers. Knowledge about the computer and other fields is very helpful and useful. Therefore, it is to our society's benefit that students learn as much as they can, while they can. Please pass legislation which will give public libraries and public schools inexpensive access to the Internet.

Your favorable consideration in this matter would be appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Candy Buss*

Candy Buss  
Guidance Counselor

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS of SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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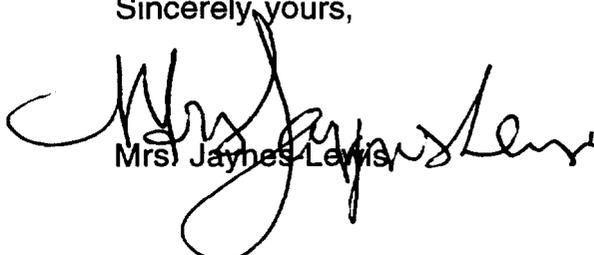
Dear Federal Communication Commission,

Our school wants a discounted, affordable "E-rate" for telecommunications services in our school and library.

Please send all information to the address indicated above.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mrs. Jaynes-Lewis

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I am writing in regards to the recent hearing by the FCC about "Universal Internet Access", I have a solution which I would like to offer for your consideration. This solution is detailed in an 80 page business plan which proposes a company called "Rural Internet Access, Inc." The proposal calls for using VSAT's and other equipment which is entirely off-the-shelf and available today. Instead of a long delay waiting for new technology to be developed to solve the problem, the RIA solution targets providing service to rural areas within three years.

This proposal is something that I have been working on for a few years and have been presenting to venture capitalist in an attempt to secure financial backing. So far, I have gotten a universal thumbs down on universal internet access. Financial backing is the only object which prevents RIA from solving the universal internet access problem. It seems that everyone I have contacted is willing to help with anything except putting up the dollars to make it happen.

If you are interested in reviewing the RIA business plan and can solve my financial backing problems, a copy of the business plan can be sent to you. All that I require to release the document to you is a copy of your standard non-disclosure agreement, signed and exercised.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Donald L. Collett

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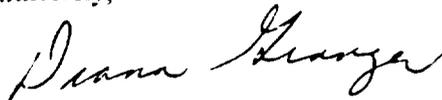
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Dear Policy makers:

I am writing to you on behalf of the millions of citizens who use public libraries. Our public libraries exist to allow all citizens regardless of economic circumstances an opportunity to receive information including new online information. Congress has decreed that library rates for telecommunications should be just, reasonable and affordable. It is the hope of many of us who value libraries that you will set rates in accordance with the spirit of the Snowe-Rockefeller-Exon-Kerry provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Thank you for this opportunity to put forth my views

Sincerely,

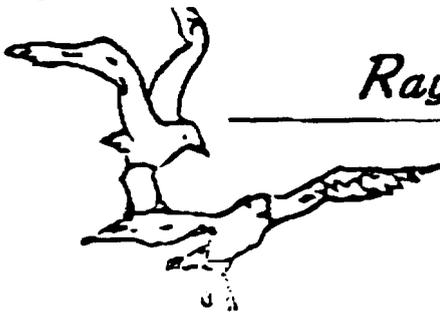


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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to you as a long time school board member for the Raymond School District in Raymond, Washington. I urge your support for affordable and meaningful discounts in rates for all schools and libraries for things like the Internet and distance learning. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates and I strongly urge your support to make certain that the rates will be set at a level that will allow small rural schools and libraries like ours to make the optimum use of available technology to enhance the education for our children and community members. Further, the rates need to be flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each of our communication needs.

In small rural areas, like ours, resources are stretched to the maximum already and we need all the help possible to provide quality services. Affordable access to technology in all our classrooms and libraries will allow our children and life-long learners in our community to connect with the technology needed to compete in the workforce of the future. It will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. Without affordable rates, in our area, we will not be able to provide these services at the level needed.

Again, I strongly urge to act to provide these affordable and flexible rates so that every school child and lifelong learner in America can be a part of the move to the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Mount Sinai Board of Education is writing this letter in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and lifelong learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision we ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

We urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Rena Wilcox  
President

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September, 1996

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW Room 814  
Washington, DC 20554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

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Dear Mr Hundt

I am the father of 3 high school students, and am concerned over the cost of education

I would like to express my support for an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates for schools and libraries for access to the world of information technology

I hope you will feel and act in the same manner

Thank You  
Ignatius L. Stefanski

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

RE: SHVA

It is not so much the signal for the television, it is the programming. We moved to Huntsville in 1993. I am a fan of Indy auto racing, and NOT stock car racing. All they want to bring to you is this stock car racing. Even the local newspapers do not tell of Indy racing.

Also, there are other types of programming that we do not like to watch. There are only five stations available in the Huntsville viewing area, and the programming choices STINK. They are like kindergarten children running the TV programming here in Huntsville.

And the weather! You have four drops of rain and they stop all programming and scream to you on and on about what is happening...tornadoes, hurricanes, thunder and lightning, etc. One brags about their doppler radar, the other about the jet weather plane, etc.

This is mainly why we bought a satellite system, to get to see the programming that we like and want to watch. When ABC has an Indy car race running, the local affiliate will put on a telethon, movies, or another sport event such as basketball, or volley ball, etc. The local cable service also will do something similar when ESPN is scheduled to show Indy car racing.

There is nothing worse that kindergarten children running a television station. We came here from the New York area, and we are used to good television programs, and not the ignorant morons running the local programming in Hunstville.

We changed our satellite service to another service recently. We can watch KRMA-Denver, a P.B.S. station instead of the local Huntsville PBS WHIQ-25, THEIR programs are atrocious, and leave much to be desired.

One further note, our reception in Toney is very poor and even with local cable service the picture quality is poor. We only had wireless cable reception because we are in a remote area and not able to have direct wire service.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Jones, Jr.

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If libraries are to provide the public with an expanded range of information opportunities, they must have the capacity for high bandwidth interactive and visual applications. Libraries are responsible and accountable users of technology. They have in the past and will continue to leverage every bit of help. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunication services available commercially will enable libraries to continue and expand their services in communities and in schools. Libraries in low income, rural and other high cost areas may need special provisions.

I know that you are hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making directly and through the American Library Association

Yours truly,

Louise Hodges,  
Deputy County Librarian

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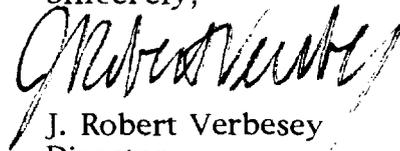
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October 16, 1996

The Honorable Reed F. Hundt  
Chairman  
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Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: Advanced Television Systems  
and their Impact Upon the  
Existing Television Broadcast Service

MM Docket No. 87-268

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Orlando Police Department wishes to express its strong support for Federal Communications Commission action to reallocate the current UHF broadcast television channels 60-69, and make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety use. The first step in the process is reallocation of UHF channels 60-69 as proposed in the above referenced digital television proceeding.

There is currently an urgent need in many parts of the country for additional public safety radio channels. The Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee ("PSWAC"), co-sponsored by the FCC and NTIA, recently released its "Final Report" which found that public safety agencies need at least 2.5 MHz of additional spectrum right now for interoperability, at least 25 MHz within five (5) years, and an additional 70 MHz within the next fifteen (15) years.

The Orlando Police Department agrees with the PSWAC findings. We have just constructed a ten million dollar radio system, and we will be unable to expand this system in the future, due to lack of available frequencies. Only immediate FCC action in making available new spectrum can help to alleviate the problems faced by the Orlando Police Department and many other public safety agencies around the nation.

The spectrum at issue is ideal for public safety use. The block of UHF channels between 60 and 69 is adjacent to the 800 MHz mobile radio frequencies heavily used by public safety agencies. The Orlando Police Department urges the Commission to act expeditiously and favorably in this matter.

Sincerely,

William E. Kennedy, Jr.  
Chief of Police

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