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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Andrews:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Thank you for your letter of November 25, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Drew Sole, Fire Chief, Wenonah Fire Company, Wenonah, New Jersey. Mr. Sole expresses his concerns regarding the possible effect on emergency services communications as a result of the Commission's recent proposal that establishes tentative policies for developing the initial digital television (DTV) channel allotments. Mr. Sole objects to any proposal to assign channel 21 to the television station currently licensed to Vineland, New Jersey, on channel 65. Your constituent states that this may cause economic harm to public safety radio services in Gloucester County, New Jersey due to the expense involved in changing its emergency radios to new frequencies to avoid adjacent channel interference.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed policies for allotting channels for DTV service and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. (See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In that action, the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with a second 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting. The Commission's plan for allotment of DTV channels would maintain the channels currently used for land mobile operations in a number of major markets, including channels 19 and 20 in the Philadelphia and adjacent New Jersey region. While our draft DTV Table would provide for use of channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey and channel 18 in Secaucus, New Jersey, we believe that engineering solutions are available for avoiding interference between DTV and land mobile operations on adjacent frequencies. At the same time, we understand the potential for interference between existing land mobile services and new DTV operations in the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. Please be assured that we are carefully evaluating all available alternatives for maintaining the interests of land mobile operators as well as broadcasters as we develop the DTV Table of Allotments.

We will also include a copy of your letter in MM Docket No. 87-268. Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith
Chief
Office of Engineering and Technology

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November 25, 1996

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
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Dear Ms. Solheim:

I write to you on behalf of Mr. Drew Sole, Fire Chief, Wenonah Fire Company, PO Box 127, Wenonah, NJ 08090, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding Docket 96-317. The Wenonah Fire Company opposes the proposal to reassign channels for the television industry which would interfere with the ability of local emergency agencies to communicate in Gloucester County.

I would appreciate if you would afford the Wenonah Fire Company all due consideration under the law in their efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise them accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



ROBERT E. ANDREWS
Member of Congress

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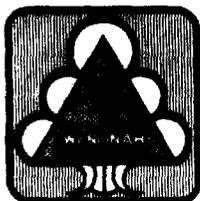
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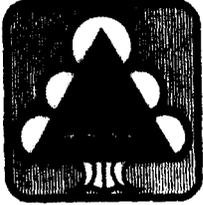
Representative Robert Andrews
63 North Broad Street
Woodbury, New Jersey 08096

Dear Representative Andrews,

I have enclosed a copy of a letter that I sent to the secretary of the FCC with regards to Docket 96-317 that would allow television broadcasting over what now is our county emergency radio channels. This would be financially devastating to our town to have to literally throw away thousands of dollars of radio equipment and start over again with a new county wide system. At that level the taxpayers would be looking at hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars just so television could have a more powerful signal.

PLEASE HELP!!!! Could you please make any contacts you can to help defeat this proposed mass media docket.

Sincerely,
Drew Sole
Drew Sole, Fire Chief



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Re: Advanced Television Systems
MM Docket no. 87-268
and their impact upon the
Existing Television Broadcast Service

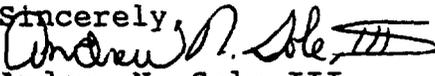
Dear Chairman Hundt,

It is with deep concern that I write this communication to you and the members of the FCC. I was deeply upset to hear that there is a great possibility that our local emergency frequency in Gloucester County may be lost so that a Vineland television station would be able to transmit using the same frequency but with a tremendously stronger signal that would prohibit us as local emergency agencies to communicate.

Our town of Wenonah, New Jersey, Gloucester County consists of one square mile and in our town we provide police, fire, ambulance and emergency management to approximately 850 homes. As in cases in every community, taxes are very high for our residents. For us to have to now face increases to support all new equipment for another county wide radio system is absolutely beyond upset so that the television market can increase. In our town alone the fire company had to do a four year lease to equip our fire and ambulance vehicles and personnel when Gloucester County instituted a county wide radio system. I would hate to have to report to our residents that the \$40,000.00 worth of radio equipment now must be replaced only after a few short years of use.

For the hard working residents of Wenonah I am asking that you reconsider Docket 96-317 so that we may continue to keep the emergency channels in place for our county.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew N. Sole, III
Chief