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Sincerely,

*Signature*

**Prof. John M. Phelan  
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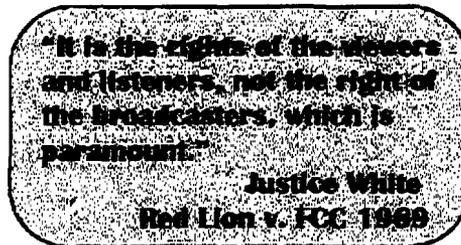
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is posed to vote on Digital Television (DTV) service rules and channel assignments, I wanted to express the Administration's views on several aspects of this critical issue. The transition to digital television broadcasting offers numerous consumer benefits and a wealth of opportunity for the creation of high value jobs and new markets.

The President's budget assumes a rapid build-out of digital technology to stimulate the market and to promote broad economic gains as quickly as possible. The Administration supports and applauds the recent commitment by many in the broadcast industry to commence digital broadcasting in eighteen months in the top ten markets. A rapid transition is critical to the Administration and we believe that the Commission should take steps to formalize and expand this commitment and take all other necessary steps to ensure rapid deployment that allows for termination of analog in 2006.

A rapid transition will ensure that we maximize the significant potential gains to our economy and disseminate consumer benefits that will be realized by DTV. The American people will benefit from better quality, higher resolution television pictures, more choices in programming, and more programming dedicated to serving the public interest. Rapid deployment also will ensure sufficient time to create a market for a technology transition of this magnitude. The Commission work to make this happen is critical to achieving all these goals.

Thank you for consideration of the Administration's views.

Sincerely,

Franklin D. Raines  
Director

- cc. Commissioner Susan Ness
- Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
- Commissioner James H. Quello

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Very truly yours,  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the Alliance for Community Media, and the Massachusetts Chapter of ACM with which I am a Board Member and Secretary, representing over 300 PEG access centers throughout the Commonwealth, as well as the many local non-profit groups we serve, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such time as they are ready to use them, and to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property.

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As an American taxpayer, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such time as they are ready to use them, and to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property.

I have been dismayed by the number of representatives of the broadcasting industry who have announced within the past few weeks that their plans to implement "digital television" have been delayed, with most industry sources stating that the spectrum will be used for the purposes for which it was intended no earlier than 1999, and perhaps even later than that. In the meantime, it is likely that they will begin to use the spectrum for non-television services -- services for which the rest of the wireless telecommunications industry has paid market-based rates at public auction. In addition to giving away a valuable public resource, this move will also have the effect of giving broadcasters an unfair competitive advantage in relation to other wireless information service providers.

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

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

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the Alliance for Community Media, fellow users of my community access center, nonprofit groups around the country, and American taxpayers, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such time as they are ready to use them, and to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property.

As you may know, a number of representatives of the broadcasting industry have announced within the past few weeks that their plans to implement "digital television" have been delayed, with most industry sources stating that the spectrum will be used for the purposes for which it was intended no earlier than 1999, and perhaps even later than that. In the meantime, it is likely that they will begin to use the spectrum for non-television services -- services for which the rest of the wireless telecommunications industry has paid market-based rates at public auction. In addition to giving away a valuable public resource, this move will also have the effect of giving broadcasters an unfair competitive advantage in relation to other wireless information service providers.

This is \$70 billion that could be used to provide support for public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access to the broadcast media. Noncommercial, nonprofit PEG is a highly successful model for creating and promoting citizen involvement in local affairs. PEG access supports distance learning, community involvement and democratic discourse over a variety of media. Now the Commission has an opportunity to give nonprofit entities and individuals the ability to generate and disseminate information using the vastly increased carrying capacity of digital television. Funds generated by the sale of digital spectrum at auction could help our children and extend the benefits of the Information Superhighway to all.

We respectfully urge the Commission to hold the issuance of these valuable licenses in abeyance until such time as the broadcasting industry indicates its willingness to adequately compensate the American taxpayers for the use of their property.

Sincerely,

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