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July 17, 1997

Chairman Hundt  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **MM Docket No. 87-268** in General Docket 96-317

Dear Chairman Hundt:

We have been notified by the New Jersey State Police by letter dated May 13, 1997, relative to the allocation of TV channel 18, WRTV to New Jersey Public Broadcasting at the Warren Township Tower located on Geiger Lane in Warren Township. Channel 18 is adjacent to the Warren Township Police Department at 500.4125 & 503.4125. This is contained in the Federal Communications Commission docket MM87-268, adopted on April 3, 1997 and released on April 21, 1997.

The Township of Warren and the Police Department are extremely concerned as to the interference that will occur as a result of this change. This will affect the Police Department, a public safety entity and its communication.

It is imperative that we do not risk the safety of the representatives of the Warren Township Police Department due to the interference caused by this change.

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I wish to go on record in expressing our concerns and have them included in the record. I hope that if this matter is approved the appropriate protections will be in place so as to insure that interference does not occur.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth Brenn  
Mayor

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cc: Mark M. Krane, Township Administrator  
Police Department -- Warren Township  
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July 10, 1997

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

Subject: Mountain Broadcasting Corporation, FCC Docket #87-268  
WMBC-TV (New York-Newton, NJ)

Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter is written in support of Emergency Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Mountain Broadcasting Corporation, the licensee of WMBC-TV. It is an ex parte presentation, that the proceeding is FCC Docket No. 87-268 and two copies have been sent to the Office of the FCC Secretary, with a request that they be included in the public record in that proceeding.

WMBC is a minority-owned, independent television station providing news and public affairs coverage of northern New Jersey, family oriented shows, and foreign language programming as a local alternative to the New York City network affiliates. One of the primary goals established by the FCC was to preserve existing television station coverage areas so that viewers would not suffer a loss of current service during the gradual transition to DTV service. Under the specific DTV channel allotments proposed by the FCC for the New York area, however, WMBC will lose at least nineteen percent of the population it presently covers due to interference from the new allotments during the transition. This figure represents over one and a half million people, which is by far the largest population loss imposed by the FCC's plan on any station in the entire New York market during the transition to DTV. Indeed, it is the 2nd largest such loss in the entire United States, and WMBC's engineers believe the actual loss may be even greater than the FCC estimates. In contrast, all of the stations licensed to New York City will lose on average only 2% of their existing population during the transition period. Mountain also understands from its engineering consultants that WMBC faces an even greater loss of population coverage on a permanent basis after the transition to DTV is completed.

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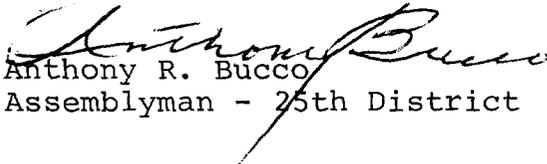
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WMBC offers New Jersey viewer's local programming of special interest, including coverage of events that New York stations often overlook. Denial of WMBC's existing coverage to well over a million people threatens the survival of WMBC and its special program service.

I respectfully request that Mountain's petition to the FCC be given favorable consideration. DTV channel allotment scheme will prevent WMBC from continuing to serve so many of its existing viewers.

Thank you for your review and reconsideration of the proposed DTV channel allotment as presently structured which will ultimately result in the loss of viewers and survival of the station itself.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony R. Bucco  
Assemblyman - 25th District

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