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On Sat Sep 13 13:56:46 EDT 1997 you received the following message:

Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am writing to ask you to put the welfare of American democracy ahead of corporate welfare that seems to do so well in Washington.

You recently issued licenses that will allow television broadcasters to make use of a new spectrum of the public's airwaves for the introduction of digital TV services. The decision to offer such access without charge was undoubtedly a result of a multi-million dollar lobbying effort by the broadcast industry.

In exchange for free use of the public's airwaves, broadcasters should be specifically required to return a very small segment of air time to help clean up the political campaign process.

Much of the fundraising pressure faced by political candidates is a result of the need to pay for TV time. Giving candidates free time would lessen their dependency on big donors and on special interests.

I'd like to see the creation of a national political broadcast time bank. Broadcasters should be required to deposit a couple of hours of prime ad time each election season and this time should go to qualified candidates. And I'd like the candidate required to appear on camera during this time and talk to me.

The value of this time bank could be kept at about - million, about what politicians spent in the 1995-1996 election cycle. That's about one half of one percent of the gross ad revenues the broadcast industry took induring that period. A small price to pay for improving democracy and helping restore the public's faith and interest in the political process.

Signed: Joel Berger
E-Mail: JBerger@Hudsonet.com

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This will lessen the influence of wealthy special interests in national elections and shift power back to the voting public.

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Signed: Lawrence Rosenfeld
E-Mail: AWR96@aol.com

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Signed: Douglas Fields
E-Mail: forhaven@badger.tds.net

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