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Attention: Docket # FCC 97-182

NPRM: Preemption of State and Local Zoning and Land Use Restrictions on the Siting, Placement, and Construction of Broadcast Transmission Facilities

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to this NPRM. As a commercial pilot carrying corporate executives into airports of all sizes across the US, I do not want towers springing up in unexpected and unsafe places merely because the FCC has established an unrealistic time frame for the implementation and dissemination of DTV.

I do not believe that one federal agency should be able to waive the requirements established by another (FAA). Air safety would be negatively effected by the granting of this proposal. I also believe that local and state ordinances and rules are already in existence to protect the public from such an assault and should be held up to this challenge to rational thought.

Sincerely,

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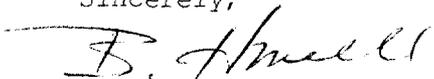
I do **not** want to see one federal bureaucracy waiving the well-established rules and agreements of another for commercial purposes. I do **not** think that the FCC should be allowed to preempt the state and local zoning and land use restrictions that have been enacted for the benefit of the communities. Only the communities can make those decisions for themselves.

This appears to me to be an attempt to force DTV into our homes. I think that the free market is a better place to determine how quickly the public adapts and accepts this technological change.

As a pilot the very thought of towers springing up everywhere and crowding our already hazard ridden airports (that used to be way out in the country) is appalling. As a commercial pilot flying for a major air carrier the thought that you would even consider waiving the rules established to protect the flying public and the people living and working below our flight paths to enable towers to be set up wherever the land can be acquired or condemned engenders accusations of negligence toward the FCC.

Please drop this effort to destroy all the safety features that the FAA and the communities have established over long periods of time to protect aviators, passengers, and the public. Please kill this NPRM before it kills others.

Sincerely,



Captain, Southwest Airlines

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