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**From:** "rsills" <rsills@abcs.com>  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("dlatham")  
**Date:** 8/8/98 12:08am  
**Subject:** white areas....

Hello.... my name is Serena Sills. I was just recently informed that I no longer have the choice of adding a networks package to my satellite programming. I feel that this is a violation of my civil rights. I am not capable of receiving local affiliates on an outside antenna. I have attempted this myself (with a television only three feet from the antenna) only to receive nothing but snow. I don't know what makes you think that we ARE capable of receiving these stations with an outside antenna.... each house is different. There are differing problems with reception from one block to the next. We dropped our local cable due to the fact that they refuse to carry any channels we request, they are almost always blacked out (some if not all the stations), and they are charging me more than a dollar a channel by the time all is said and done. I feel it is MY right to choose what I do and do not watch within the confines of my own home. I feel I should not be FORCED to subscribe to both satellite and local cable in order to receive the channels I want as well as to pacify the local businesses. I receive newspapers as well as radio broadcasts and do not need to view local stations to know what is going on in my own community. A very small percentage of the commercials shown on locally affiliated television are community oriented. Please do what you can to stop this insanity.

Serena Sills

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**From:** <boerner@wellsfargo.com>  
**To:** A7.A7 (SNESS)  
**Date:** 8/10/98 7:20pm  
**Subject:** Satellite TV and Local Programming

I am a satellite dish owner, who prefers satellite TV over Cable TV. I own an 18" dish which gives me access to many channels of great looking and sounding programs. Satellite TV is a great compliment to my home theater system(yes, I guess you could say I am a couch potato, hahaha). Presently, I am "forced" to have cable because some archaic laws state that satellite cos. can not provide me with my local programming. WHY? I feel we should be given the choice as to the means by which we receive our programming, be it local or otherwise. I live in a mobile home park where outside antennas are not allowed(as is the case in many mobile home parks). Our only means of getting local programming are by the so-called"rabbit ears", or if we are lucky, a antenna cable feed provided my park management. These cables are not maintained very well, and reception is not always good.

I implore you to reconsider this matter. We live in the greatest nation in the world, where freedom is one of our most valuable treasures. Please give us our freedom to choose who we want to provide us with our programming. Thank you.

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