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To: B4.B4 (COMPLAINTS-ENF)
Date: 8/8/98 9:16pm
Subject: Prime Television Stations

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I am writting this letter concerning the viewing and aquisition of prime television stations in the Los Angeles area via satellite. I have been informed that as a satellite dish owner can not purchase certain stations for my satellite, at what point did this country start making decisions for common man without our knowledge or vote. As I remember this is a democracy not a dictatorship, if we do not have a say in our every day life then why do we have the right to vote. I again asking why satellite dish owners are not allowed to purchase what ever station we want, we are purchasing these stations with our money. There can not be that many satellite dish owners that we are taking away from local television owners of prime stations.

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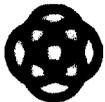
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Satellite Policy Branch

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August 21, 1998

FCC International and Satellite Bureau
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Network satellite restrictions.

This letter is to request that you lift the restrictions on our receiving network satellite television channels. We use our satellite dish in a remote area in northern Minnesota and are not able to receive area (local or regional) television signals with an antenna. It is important to me in my work that I maintain information on national news since I do respond to national disasters at short notice both as a volunteer psychologist with the American Red Cross as well as consultation work with private corporations. I would appreciate a response to this letter relative to the action FCC has or will be taking on this matter.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon R. Dodge /rls

Gordon R. Dodge, Ph.D., L.P.
Clinical Director

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Jane Lew, WV 26378

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Senator Robert Byrd:

I am sending an E-mail in regard to the recent FCC Regulations for Satellite Broadcasting, concerning "Primetime24" Channel Selections.

I am very disappointed, that in a time that Communism is supposedly dying, that it seems to grow within our Government. We have fought for many years to have Freedom, but yet OUR Government, seems to find ways to regulate and Tax everything that we use to have. Now its the AIRWAYS that is being regulated in the wrong direction.

I have subscribed to "DIRECTV," only to have a portion denied, not by ME, but by our Government. I feel, as I pay the Bill, then what does it matter? I am a hard working husband and father of two, and always have tried to be honest and patriotic. I am getting sick of the Governments "STRONG ARM" of my privilege. Whether I receive a Channel by antenna, should not matter whether I get it through Satellite. This is a Communistic Government telling me that I cannot order these Premium Channels. As long as I am flipping the Bill, it should not matter what channels I get. I don't even receive these "So-called" Channels that the Government says I do. I receive one, and it isn't the greatest. I think that it is Communistic, for a Government tell me what I should watch and what I shouldn't. How about the Government Regulating the PORN and other Disgusting CRIMES out there that is corrupting our Kids. That is what is wrong with our Government today. NO MORALS !!! The Government says we have freedom, but only to the extent that they will allow, and even then it is set up backwards with the laws that protect the guilty and punishes the innocent.

In closing, I would like you to know that I am a Proud American, but what has crept up in our Once Great Nation is a VIRUS.

Senator Byrd, I know that you are a very busy man, but if you should find time, please respond.

Thank you for your time,
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September 3, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill A. Vanderwilt
P. O. Box 262
Los Olivos, California 93441-0262

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edits*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vanderwilt:

Thank you for your letter regarding your satellite provider informing you that you may no longer receive network stations by satellite.

The Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1988 (SHVA), 17 U.S.C. § 119, which is part of the Copyright Act allows satellite carriers to transmit superstation and network station broadcast signals to their subscribers, if they are in an "unserved" area.

The SHVA provides that satellite carriers may retransmit network broadcasts only to "unserved households." "Unserved households", as defined by Congress, are households that "cannot receive, through the use of a conventional outdoor rooftop antenna, an over-the-air signal of Grade B intensity."

The definition of "Grade B intensity" is the central issue in a lawsuit brought in federal court in Miami, Florida by CBS Inc., some of its affiliates, and Fox Broadcasting. The lawsuit alleged that PrimeTime 24, a satellite carrier, had violated the SHVA by selling network programs to households that could receive network programming from local stations over-the-air and thus were not "unserved". Similar lawsuits were filed in Texas and North Carolina.

On July 8, 1998, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission urging that it adopt a new definition of "Grade B intensity" to allow satellite carriers to sell network signals in a given geographic area unless 100% of the viewers in the area receive the signals 100% of the time.

On August 5, 1998, the Cable Services Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission released a Public Notice asking for comments on NRTC's petition. Letters or e-mails on the petition will be accepted until September 5, 1998. Your letter will be placed in the record in that proceeding.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Regina M. Keeney
Bureau Chief

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I'm a resident of the Santa Ynez Valley, California, Which Includes zip codes: 93427; 93440; 93441; 93460; 93463.

I was recently informed that we could no longer sign up for the major networks on the satellite systems.

The majority of the valley cannot receive a usable signal with an antenna, and cable is not available. Cable is available only in the most populated areas.

That means, in order to receive the major networks, I'd have to move to town and sign up for Cable!

Whatever happened to fair trade?

Please vote to repeal this recent change of law, and enable us to live where we want, and view what we choose!

Sincerely,

Earl L. McCluer

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