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Federal Communications Commission
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Greetings:

HELP!! We are in danger of losing our Satellite Direct TV Prime Time 24 Network Programming (CBS, NBC, ABC, PBS & Fox) on October 10, 1998! We receive this through the appreciated efforts of our local Rural Electric Cooperative. WE FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD LET THE NETWORKS TRY TO USE THIS AS A METHOD OF TRYING TO MAKE MORE MONEY FOR THEMSELVES AT THE DETRIMENT TO US ALL IF ANYTHING THIS MOVE WILL MAKE FOR LESS VIEWERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WHO WON'T BE SEEING THEIR ADVERTISEMENTS & NOT BUYING ADVERTISED PRODUCTS. AND.....

We can't believe there is such an uninformed, misinformed, unrealistic, Federal Court Judge as the one in Miami, Florida who would issue an injunction against Satellite TV Providers that affects so many of us all over the US who have neither access to cable or who's reception is so terrible, even off a repeater tower, that it is so unbearable to watch that we've invested in satellite dishes! Why should we be penalized for the fact that we live 110 miles from the nearest TV stations, which we would dearly love to get, but can't! SO NETWORKS FROM OTHER AREAS ARE AT LEAST NEWS PROGRAMS THAT WE CAN SEE & HEAR!

Although this is not a matter of "life & death", it is a matter of "quality of life", we ask that you please cooperate with the National Rural Telecommunication Cooperative (NRTC) and do everything you can to help rescind this unfair injunction and try to remedy this very frustrating situation "once & for all"!! We are also asking that your Commission vote to lift restrictions on receiving Network Programming from Satellite Dish providers, to investigate the Network's reasons for their push in this matter, and we strongly urge you to stop this discrimination against Satellite viewers who are only trying to get decent TV reception and to stop trying to define who should be able to receive programming from Satellite Providers based on whether we can receive TV via an antenna (ours was very snowy & noisy!) and let viewers watch what they want to watch! Please think long & hard about this! We believe you are endangering your image as a progressive arm of Government through your apparent support of the Network's actions!! This is not the way to "Make friends" with the public!

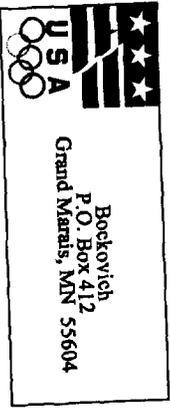
We have written many letters to everyone about this situation and would appreciate your consideration of this matter!

Sincerely,

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