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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
1919 M St., N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Attn.: RM-9335

Dear Sirs,

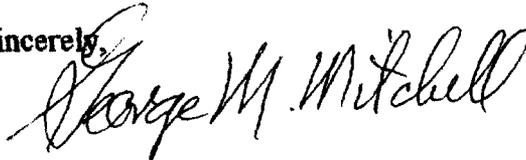
The Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1988 unfairly restricts my access to Network channels, due to our unusual lifestyle.

My wife and I are retired, and travel all over the U.S., Canada, and Mexico in our 5th wheel RV trailer. We winter in Arizona, summer in Montana, and explore other areas in the other months. We touch base at our home in Everett, WA, but only during about two months each year.

We have a Satellite TV Antenna mounted permanently on the top of our RV, which provides us with good TV reception wherever we travel. However, we have been notified that we will lose the network channels from the Satellite, and perhaps the Satellite service itself, unless we are able to acquire a waiver from two Seattle TV stations, KIRO & KCPQ. One of these stations, KIRO, has granted the waiver, but the other, KCPQ, has refused. Without both waivers, we will lose our Satellite network reception.

Could there be an amendment added to this law which would take into account the very different lifestyle and needs of fulltime and almost-fulltime RV travelers? It is apparent that the TV stations are refusing to consider the need for waivers to this law. Without changes such as the above, we will lose our Satellite network channels, one of which originates in our home area of Seattle.

Sincerely,



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