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From what I can gather by reading proppsal 15-71, the main thrust of the amendment is to correct situations where satellite providers offering local channels are, in fact, offering channels that may not even be within the viewer's own state. Additionally, some other situations are mentioned where local market determinations may be modified. I would like to offer some specifics of my own situation, which I'm sure people in other areas share, in hopes that it may be included for consideration.

I live in Jasper County, Mississippi, which is a sparsely populated county. The bulk of the population is in the southwest portion of the county, so the DMA for the entire county has designated Hattiesburg, MS broadcast stations as the local market which satellite providers offer. Hattiesburg is located far south of Jasper County, yet is most likely the strongest broadcast signals available for the southwest part of the county.

I live in Rose Hill, MS, in the northeast portion of Jasper County, which is about 68 miles from Hattiesburg. The closest city with television broadcasting and strongest broadcast signals is Meridian, MS which is about 28 miles from Rose Hill. I travel to Meridian regularly, for all my shopping needs, healthcare, and all other goods and services. It is the Meridian monitoring stations that report my local forecasts and weather conditions through NOAA, and we depend on the Meridian broadcast stations for weather alerts. I never travel to Hattiesburg for any reason.

Meridian has several broadcast stations, yet I cannot receive them through a satellite provider due to the DMA designation for Jasper County. I do understand the DMA methodology, but feel this is as clear a case for market modification as are the out of state market issues mentioned in the proposal.

In summary, I cannot receive truly local market broadcast channels that originate 28 miles away from my residence, due to the DMA designating my local market as being 68 miles away.

Thank you for your time and consideration.