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Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Re: Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act Reauthorization – STELAR
(STELAR Proceeding 15-53)

I am now and have been a resident of Etna, Wyoming since 2010. Etna is a rural community located in Lincoln County, 50 miles south of Jackson. We have subscribed to DirecTV for many years so it was disappointing to learn that we have no access to any local television programming through DirecTV when I moved to Etna from Connecticut in 2010. Etna is a Wyoming town located more than 200 miles away from Salt Lake City, Utah, yet we are classified as part of DirecTV Salt Lake City (Utah) subscriber group. Both DirecTV's national customer service and the local installer informed us that FCC rules did not allow for reception of any local Wyoming television programming in our area.

These restrictions mean we do not have access to local news, weather, public affairs information, emergency broadcasts, legislative communications, election news or debates or other local activities, etc. Our only local news and information comes weekly by way of our local print newspaper. We must rely on internet and national weather radio service provided by computer and separate radio systems for more current information. The immediacy of broadcast information is nonexistent.

Lacking the availability of local, in-state television, we in Lincoln County are disenfranchised and forgotten. There is no access to commercial or public broadcast programming that addresses the needs and interests of our local population. We have little information about our communities or state. I ask that the FCC to review and change the regulations that prevent access to local broadcast programming in our county and encourage the development of these channels of communication in the local area.

Please reconsider the constraints that STELAR, in its present form, forces upon us. We ask that both commercial and non-commercial local stations be made available to through the DirecTV and other satellite services we enjoy and rely upon.

Thank you.

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