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Dear Mr. Burdett:

As I'm sure you are aware, this past year the U. S. Congress passed a Bill (H.R. 5728) which was signed by the President on December 4, 2014, which allows the residents of Garrett County and other Orphan Counties to view local news and sports and emergency information from TV Stations in the Maryland and the Washington DC area.

I'm writing to you today to request that you submit a "Market Modification" request to the Federal Communications Commission. This Market Modification, when approved by the FCC, will enable the residents of Garrett County, Maryland to view television programming from your Station, as well as from the stations we are currently able to view from the Pittsburg area.

Once the new law became effective, the Federal Communications Commission developed revised rules which will enable this to take place. The document containing the final revised rules was published in the Federal Register on October 2, 2015.

Garrett County, Maryland has a population of approximately 30,000 residents; however, the population swells to over 60,000 residents from April to October when vacation home owners and visitors come to enjoy Deep Creek Lake. Many of our visitors come from the Washington DC metropolitan area. Both year round residents and vacation home owners have signed a petition in support of the market modification request. The petition that can be found at http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/garrett-county-maryland-county-to-receive-some-or-all-of-baltimoredc-area-tv.html

Many of our homes are remotely located and must receive television programming via Satellite because cable service is not currently available in all areas.

In submitting the request for Market Modification to the FCC, please include the following statement to insure that the request includes all homeowners in Garrett County, whether they receive television programming from cable or satellite:

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When requesting a market modification to the FCC for satellite service, the request should be for the "community" of Garrett County, Maryland by both Dish and DirecTV. When requesting a market modification to the FCC for cable service, the request should be for all "communities" identified in the FCC "COALS database" system (https://apps.fcc.gov/coals/forms/search/cableSearchNf.cfm) that are owned and/or operated by Comcast of California, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia LLC; Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC; Mountain Communications, LLC; and QCOL, Inc.

If there is anything I can do to assist you in this effort or you need additional information please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

On Behalf of the Board,

Paul C. Edwards
Chairman

cc: FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler
U.S. Senator Ben Cardin
U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski
Congressman John Delaney
Senator George Edwards
Delegate Wendell Beitzel