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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW, Rm. 832
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Direct Broadcast Satellite
Voting Against DBS Selecting Their Own Programming

Dear Ms. Ness:

The Community Minority Cultural Center, Inc. (CMCC) strongly urge you to vote against giving Direct Broadcast Satellite providers the ability to pick their own programmers in fulfillment of their public interest obligations. To allow DBS providers to pick their programmers will seriously compromise the spirit of the Cable Act of 1992 and give DBS providers undue editorial authority on what constitutes public interest programming.

Public interest programming is best served when the public is given a role in its creation. Educational or health institutions, arts and sciences organizations, non-profit groups and organizations should have access to providing educational and informational programming directly to interested consumers.

The CMCC serves a diverse, underserved constituency that is traditionally not adequately served by mass media. Organizations serving this constituency should have uncensored access to DBS delivery systems. Our constituents seek such programming provided by culturally diversified organizations. DBS providers are not, nor should they be, expected to be qualified to provide these services or speak for this diverse, and often disadvantaged communities.

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Sincerely,

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