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From: Manuel A. Soto <nidansan@msn.com>
To: A7.A7(NETMSGs)
Date: 11/5/98 11:52pm
Subject: Comments to Commissioner Ness

Manuel A. Soto (nidansan@msn.com) writes:

I have a Dish Network subscriber for the last year and a half. I do not have cable service or an outside antenna to be able to connect and view local channels. It is of my free will that I own a mini satellite dish and I feel that current law against satellite service to carry local programming is unfair to me... I do not like the quality or expensive service that local cable providers have. Regular antenna reception is poor here in North Carolina. This law is unfair to me since I do not use their service, if the cable companies want to protect their investment they should produce a better cost effective product.

I am asking you to vote against whatever law that is currently limiting the viewing of local channels through DSS/Mini Dish just because we want to protect the cable industry.

Thank you,

Manuel A. Soto

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From: Judy Merkel <merkelart@aol.com>
To: A7.A7(NETMSG)
Date: 11/6/98 1:11pm
Subject: Comments to Commissioner Ness

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Judy Merkel (merkelart@aol.com) writes:

We recently became DISH Network satellite subscribers. We live in a moderately sized city, Rochester, NY, and had to resort to purchasing an additional antenna to get the network channels, FOX, and PBS. We feel that we should be able to get these channels through our satellite carrier and are being penalized because of where our home is in location to the city.

The antenna we purchased cost approximately \$90.00 and only brings in the five channels ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, & PBS. We also would like to get our local UPN channel but are unable to do this with the antenna we have. Apparently an additional costly amount of money must be spend in order to get this LOCAL channel with an outside antenna. We feel this is unnecessary. This channel is not carried by the Time Warner Cable Co. We were with TWC for many years and felt that we were not getting enough channels or service for our monthly costs.

We certainly feel discriminated against to say the least. It is everyone's right to obtain at least their local networks free of charge without spending additional money for that service. The institution of the cable industry has become a monopoly in every sense of the word. It is ridiculous that this service cannot be available thru our satellite company because of a federal law prohibiting such a service.

What makes it okay for the cable companies to carry them and not the satellite company? I would love to hear the explanation for this.

Please reconsider getting rid of this federal law which benefits no one but the cable companies. I thought the government was supposed to represent the consumers rights? If you are in fact supposed to do this, you're not!

Please feel free to send a personal reply to this e-mail if you wish. I don't wish to receive an automatic thank you for your message reply. That makes me feel less than human.

Judy Merkel

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From: Mark Oster <mlo@advertisnet.com>
To: A7.A7(NETMSGs)
Date: 11/5/98 12:25am
Subject: Comments to Commissioner Ness

Mark Oster (mlo@advertisnet.com) writes:

PLEASE HELP!!!
I can no longer receive ABC, NBC, CBS,
OR FOX from DirecTV. I DID NOT MIND PAYING
FOR THE QUALITY OF PICTURE I WAS RECEIVING.
I feel that it should be my choice to pay
for it. I live in an area that does not
even offer cable down the road that I live
on.

Mark Oster
Please reply

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