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To the Commissions of the FCC

I live in Western Washington
on the Olympic Peninsula
about 150 miles from Seattle.

I am able to receive
television by subscribing to
Netlink from Denver and
Prime time 24. Otherwise we
only have a shortwave radio
that will work. The stations
from Seattle don't work
at all. I have large 0

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investment in the large
satellite dish - the new
small dish that people are
buying now only enable
them to pick up a couple
of stations - they don't have
the cable.

My husband has passed
away and he took care of
the cable & dish etc & I'm
sure could have explained
our concern in a better
fashion but I hope this
will help.

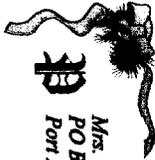
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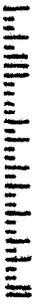


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We live in the rural mountain area of PA. on one side of the mountain you may have a clear signal and on the other side of the mountain no signal at all.

We cannot receive an acceptable picture from our local network stations.

When we moved here nine years ago cable TV was not even available in this area. that didn't bother us we had a "dish".

We ask you to promote fair competition in the communication market place. Having a dish to receive viewable network programming should be enough. we shouldn't also have to subscribe to cable TV.

I should be able to choose the option I prefer.

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Yours truly,

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Chairman William E. Kennard,

There has been so much confusion over the ability of local consumers being able to receive their local network channels via satellite TV, UHF/VHF antennas, or cable. And that is the reason I am writing you this letter.

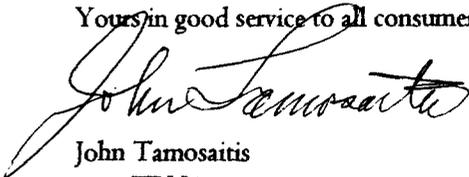
There has got to be a better way for people to get the network stations. Many of our customers can only get CBS or channel I6 within a 25 mile radius. Our PBS station, channel 28, is usually pretty clear in the area due primarily to their strong signal. Channel 47, the ABC station, is good in some areas but not in a lot of other areas due to signal dispersion, trees, or distance. The higher frequency doesn't travel as well as the lower frequencies. We have some people who live only 6 or 7 miles away from the transmitting tower and can't get a clear picture on 47. As we get closer to the coastal areas the signals are very hard to get on 47.

With this problem in our area it just isn't right to ask people to spend \$300 or \$400 dollars to have a Yagi antenna installed on a tower or pole, or on a roof top just to get a local UHF station. There are no local VHF stations in our area. The VHF signals are just fine if you get into Easton, Maryland or Dover, Delaware area but terrible in the Lewis, Delaware or Rehoboth Beach area. They are just not watchable in Eastern Sussex county of Delaware. Also most of our Rural area is not served by Cable. Even if it was it is not right for Cable to be the only way for some people to get their network stations. That is a monopoly condition.

Going to a customers house and taking signal measurements on top of their house or yard is not a sensible approach to verifying the signal levels.

Please help us get this mess straightened out. The networks shouldn't govern how we get their signals. The networks put their signals out there for everyone to see. They should stay out of the policing of the distribution market. Everyone wants their signals and everyone should be able to get them any way they chose.

Yours in good service to all consumers,

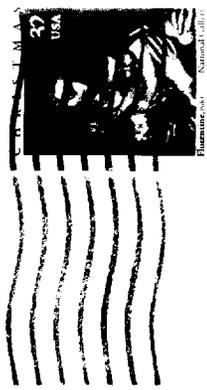


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