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Dear Commissioners:

In 1991 I bought a satellite dish so that my family would be able to watch TV. Prior to this we could not and still can't receive our regular stations. We live within 30 miles of these stations. Only one comes in fairly decent and that's WLBT-TV 2.

For whatever the reason hills, valleys, etc.

It upsets me to think that I can't continue to get Prime 24 via satellite. I believe my family is entitled to watch the network shows like anyone else. In this small town (Alton, ME pop. 79) we are unable to get cable TV because not enough customers. Better than 35% have satellite TV's. This shows say something about local stations.

Please find it in your heart to let things continue as they are now.



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**Subject:** CS Docket #98-201**Date:** Sun, 27 Dec 1998 13:52:43 -0600**From:** Gary Herman <gherman@fastlane.net>**To:** wkennard@fcc.gov, hfurchtg@fcc.gov, sness@fcc.gov, tmcgowan@fcc.gov, gtristan@fcc.gov

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Gary & Glenna Herman  
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Dear Commissioners,

It is our understanding you are considering issuing new rules governing eligibility for satellite network television under the subject docket. Before final decisions are made on this issue, you should be aware there are many of us in the U.S. who must rely on satellite broadcasts because we are unable to receive an acceptable signal from the nearest local transmitting antenna(s).

My wife and I live in The Colony, Tx., which is 50 to 75 miles Northeast of the nearest transmitting towers. These towers are located on the South side of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. In The Colony (and all the surrounding area), people desiring to view network programming must either subscribe to the local cable company, with its undependable service and prohibitive cost (which continues to escalate), or purchase a satellite system and subscribe to satellite broadcasting. We chose the latter and, since 1994, have been able to enjoy network programming via satellite without paying \$50.00+ per month to the local cable company. Also, I might add, without cable "outages" every time a thunder shower passes overhead.

If any new rules are implemented (and we think you should leave well enough alone) the FCC should take into account people in this country who are in the same situation as ourselves when it comes to network television programming. To disallow citizens like ourselves a choice in how we receive our television programming smacks of a socialistic government and could easily be the beginning of Federally run broadcasting, where there is no competition and the news and other programming is sanctioned by the FCC. That the FCC would even consider such proposals smacks of cronyism with the networks and restraint of competition.

In reviewing some of the material I have received from several sources, including your own web pages, it seems the Commissioners may need reminding that we live in a Democratic, Capitalistic Society governed by the people. Forcing citizens to rely on only one source of programming stifles any competition (Capitalism) from outside broadcasters which may, or may not, have a better product or service. Competition is what Capitalism is all about, and is why our capitalistic society has continued to prosper for over 200 years.

Finally, due to the above, we strongly urge the FCC to oppose the television networks' proposal to allow them to determine subscriber eligibility. If this is allowed, it is obvious the networks will claim the largest

area possible to be able to receive adequate signal strength for local programming - irregardless of the publics **actual** ability to receive an acceptable signal. Obviously, the larger the "service area" networks can claim to would-be advertisers, the more they can charge for advertising "air time." Surely the Commissioners can see through such a thinly veiled disguise of greed. It is obvious the local networks do not want any competition cutting into their profits.

As we are all well aware, there has been an ongoing "feud" between the networks and satellite service providers for years. This is just another attempt by the networks to rid themselves of the better quality and lower cost competition. If the FCC allows these rule changes, it is the public who will suffer because the FCC did not do their job and protect them.

Sincerely,

Gary & Glenna Herman

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1948 Granddaddy Road  
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee  
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Dear Chairman W. E. Kennard and Commissioners H. W. Furchtgott-Roth, Susan Ness, M.K. Powell, and Gloria Tristani:

I am writing concerning your impending ruling that will affect my network television viewing. I live in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. I am unable to get a public broadcasting radio station that plays classical music here. All I can get is Country! If that's not bad enough, you are now trying to stop me from watching decent network television of my choice. I have an aerial. Sometimes I get a fairly good picture and other times I do not. The problem does not seem to be weather related, and I notice the lower the station number is, the poorer the reception. When I use my satellite dish, I can get a clear picture at all times.

Having a clear picture is not the only reason for my using network TV via satellite. I prefer to use Prime Time West TV sometimes because I lived out West for many years and like to hear what is going on out there. Also, we have football games that we can watch only through network TV in the West. Another matter of great importance to me is my ability to watch some of my favorite daytime TV shows later in the day, when I get off of work, because of this Prime Time network that is in a different time zone. I pay for this privilege. What gives you the right to take these things that I enjoy away from me? I continue to watch local network TV most of the time because of the local news and weather.

Please consider listening to people like me who actually watch television and not the greedy television stations and cable businesses interested only in their ratings and pocketbooks. Please leave things as they are!

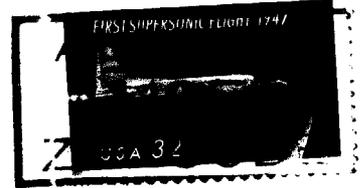
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ATTN: CHAIRMAN WILLIAM E. KENNARD  
COMM. HAROLD W. FURCHGOTT-ROTH  
COMM. SUSAN NESS  
COMM. MICHAEL K. POWELL  
COMM. GLORIA TRISTANI

I am writing concerning the ruling on eligibility for Satellite Network Television. I have received my television via satellite c-band for some number of years.

My closest television station is W.C.Y.B., NBC, which is approximately 50 to 60 miles away. CBS and ABC is approximately 100 miles away. I cannot receive an acceptable signal from even the closest television station due to my location. I live in a location which is blocked by hills and mountains and etc. This is due to the topography of the area. I am also located close to Interstate 81 and due to heavy truck traffic there is a constant C.B. interference which knocks out the picture and sound. I have tried numerous locations for an antennae and I still cannot receive an acceptable television reception.

I am asking you to implement a fair eligibility system that promotes full access to network programming. As I am sure I am not the only one to have this problem. I also urge you to promote competition in the communications market place when consumers receive poor quality pictures from local network stations. Cable Television should not be their only recourse, as in my case. It would cost me more to be on cable and I also feel this would give Cable Television a monopoly on the industry.

Finally, I would urge the F.C.C. to oppose the Television Networks proposal to determine subscriber eligibility, which under their proposal, subscribers would not be eligible for satellite service even in those areas where only half the homes are predicted to get a signal from the local stations. This is supposedly sufficient to produce acceptable reception. This is unfair and leaves too many people with poor reception without access to Satellite Network Service.

In closing, I would ask you that you give considerable thought to what I have put forth in this letter. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Lucille Teaster

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I have a 10 ft. sat. dish and live in the country on 70 acres of woods, I do not have cable. The local news + fox stations are not good where I live, so I subscribe to prime time 24, which comes from other states, this should be no problem with any one. I was in the service at the end of WWII and the Korea forgotten war, I wonder what for, (freedom?) It kind of makes a person wonder if your out fit is in bed with the cable Co's?

Wm Bostwick

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DEAR CHAIRMAN:

THIS IS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT AND TO JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR SATELLITE DELIVERED NETWORK TELEVISION. WE LIVE IN AMBOY, WA, A COMMUNITY 28.1 MILES NNE (22<sup>0</sup>) OF PORTLAND, OR. OUR VALLEY IS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND EAST FORK OF THE LEWIS RIVERS. QUITE UNLIKE ANYTHING IN THE EAST THERE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE VERTICAL DIMENSIONS IN THIS STATE WHICH AS YOU KNOW DO NOT EXACTLY FAVOR LINE OF SIGHT COMMUNICATIONS. THUS SATELLITE VIEWING HAS BEEN A GOD SEND FOR MAINTAINING SOME RESEMBLANCE OF CONTACT WITH THE REAL WORLD.

OUR VIEWING PROBLEMS ARE EXTREMELY SERIOUS TO YOU, TO OUR GOVERNMENTS (LOCAL THRU FEDERAL) AND TO OUR CAPABILITY OF GOVERNING OURSELVES:

1. SW WA IS TOTALLY VOID OF ANY LOCAL NETWORK STATIONS. AND OUR ONLY NEWSPAPER, "THE COLUMBIAN", IS AN EXTREME LEFT WING RAG THAT HAS LESS TO OFFER THAN THE "ENQUIRER".

2. ALL TELEVISION STATIONS ARE ACROSS THE COLUMBIA RIVER IN PORTLAND, OR. OF THE THREE, FOUR OR FIVE STATIONS THAT THEY HAVE WE ONLY RECEIVE ONE, ABC'S KATU, CH 02 -WHICH IS "OWNED AND OPERATED BY FISHER BROADCASTING INC". THE PORTLAND STATIONS OFFER EXTREMELY LIMITED COVERAGE OF ANYTHING NORTH OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER EXCEPT MURDER. THUS WE ARE DEPRIVED OF INFORMATION ON LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL ISSUES AND OUR CHILDREN ARE NEGLECTED FOR THEIR NEWS WORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS AS CITIZENS OR ATHELETES, UNLESS THEY MURDER SOMEONE. WHAT A LESSON WE TEACH!

3. SATELLITE DELIVERED NETWORKS ARE THE ONLY CONTACT WE HAVE TO WA STATE AND THE REAL WORLD. EVEN WITH SATELLITE DELIVERED TV WE CANNOT OBTAIN ANY LOCAL POLITICAL NEWS BECAUSE OUR SATELLITE ABC PROVIDER IS SEATTLE'S KOMO, ABC, CH S4-08, ALSO "OWNED AND OPERATED BY FISHER BROADCASTING INC". AS INDICATED, ABC PORTLAND INCLUDES LITTLE COVERAGE NORTH OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER AND ABC SEATTLE FOCUSES ONLY ON LOCAL NEWS NORTH OF CHEHALIS, WA., WHICH LEAVES US OUT IN THE RAIN PERIOD. FISHER BROADCASTING HAS DELIBERATELY CUT US OFF WHICH I WOULD BE HAPPY TO VERIFY ON TAPE IF THE FCC DESIRES. THUS A LICENSE SHOULD BE TAKEN AWAY FROM PORTLAND, OR AND TRANSFERRED TO VANCOUVER, WA., OR NO COMPANY, I.E. FISHER BROADCASTING, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE STATIONS 1000 MILES OR LESS APART. THIS KIND OF OBVIOUS COMMUNICATION CONTROL IS

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EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO THE WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TAKING AWAY OUR SATELLITE TV RIGHTS IS NOT A VIABLE OPTION AND DOING SO BORDERS ON TREASON. THE FCC IS AN AGENCY "FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE" AND SHOULD PLAY NO PART IN GOING AGAINST THE PEOPLE BY SUPPORTING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, DOING THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM TO ELIMINATE THE EXPENSE OF HEALTHY COMPETITION. IF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAN NOT CUT IT THEN GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS.

SINCERELY,

*Peggy & James Farber*

MARGARET AND JAMES FARBER

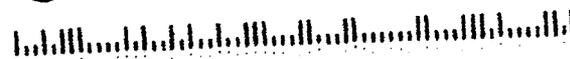
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DEAR FCC

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I NORMALLY DON'T SPEAK OUT ABOUT POLITICAL ISSUES OR ISSUES CONCERNING YOUR COMMISSION, BUT WHEN THOSE ISSUES AFFECT MY RIGHT AS A CONSUMER, I GET A LITTLE UPSET.

WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHICH NETWORK PROGRAMMING I CAN OR CAN NOT WATCH.

I PAY ANNUALLY FOR THE RIGHT TO WATCH PRIME TIME 24, EVEN THOUGH I RECEIVE LOCAL PROGRAMMING IN THE CLEAR.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS A CASE OF BAD ECONOMICS, THAT YOU WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT PURCHASE THIS PRODUCT WHETHER OR NOT THEY RECEIVE QUALITY RECEPTION.

I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THIS SERVICE FOR OVER SIX YEARS AND DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT!

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I STRONGLY URGE YOUR COMMISSION

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To OPPOSE THE TELEVISION NETWORKS  
PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE MY ELIGIBILITY.  
AS A CONSUMER.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS A NATION  
WITH THE FREEDOM OF CHOICES, NOT  
ONE WHICH DICTATED WHAT THOSE  
CHOICES WOULD BE.

PLEASE HELP ME RETAIN MY  
ABILITY TO CHOOSE AND PUT THIS  
PROPOSAL BENEATH US.

THANK YOU,  
Harvey H. Doty

Harvey H. Doty  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS IN REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING IN PROGRESS, WHICH COULD AFFECT MY SATELLITE PROGRAMMING THAT I RECEIVE.

I LIVE IN A RURAL AREA, IN UPSTATE NEW YORK ABOUT 30 MILES FROM THE CANADIAN BORDER. WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO CABLE TELEVISION WHERE WE ARE, DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF HOUSES ON OUR ROAD + THE COST IT WOULD TAKE PER HOUSEHOLD TO HAVE CABLE WIRE RUN + INSTALLED. (ABOUT \$1200 PER HOME). I LIVE AT THE BOTTOM OF A HILL, SURROUNDED BY TREES + FARMLAND. BECAUSE WE LIVE IN THIS AREA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL, WE CANNOT EVEN GET GOOD RECEPTION FROM AN ANTENNA SYSTEM. THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN GET GOOD, QUALITY PROGRAMMING, IS BY OUR LARGE SATELLITE DISH + RECEIVER THAT WE PURCHASED 4 YEARS AGO.

WHY WOULD YOU FOLKS IN THE WASHINGTON BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM, IN YOUR SUBURBAN, CITY LIVING, CARE HOW US COUNTRY FOLKS CHOOSE TO GET OUR PROGRAMMING, BE IT SATELLITE DISH, ANTENNA SYSTEM, CABLE ETC. OR WHATEVER IS AVAILABLE TO US. HAVE YOU NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN SIT ON YOUR BUTTS + MAKE NEW PROPOSALS ABOUT SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T CONCERN YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE? LET US FOLKS THAT LIVE IN RURAL AREAS CHOOSE TO GET OUR FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT ANY WAY WE PLEASE, + YOU FOLKS IN CITY WAY OF LIFE, LIVE THE WAY YOU WANT. WE DON'T BOTHER YOU, SO WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER US?

I'M ASKING YOU FOLKS TO PLEASE IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW US TO KEEP AN ACCESS OUR NETWORK PROGRAMMING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO US. WE DON'T HAVE ANY LOCAL AVAILABLE HERE TO US, SO WE HAVE ON OUR PROGRAMMING PROVIDER

US TO GET GOOD, QUALITY NETWORK PROGRAMMING. IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME, THAT THE LOCAL CABLE COMPANY ONLY CARES ABOUT MONEY, WHICH IS WHY THEY WANT TO CHARGE US SO MUCH TO INSTALL CABLE IN OUR AREA. THEY ARE ALSO MORE EXPENSIVE FOR PROGRAMMING IF CABLE AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS. AT LEAST I KNOW THAT MY SATELLITE PROGRAMMING PROVIDER CARE ABOUT ME ENOUGH TO NOTIFY ME ABOUT THESE RIDICULOUS CHANGES THAT MAY BE COMING UP. I ASK YOU FCC FOLKS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION IN THE COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE & NOT TRY TO FORCE CABLE TELEVISION ON US, WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE IT INSTALLED.

FINALLY, I URGE YOU OPPOSE THE TELEVISION NETWORK'S RIDICULOUS PROPOSAL TO WHO CAN SUBSCRIBE TO THEM, & WHO CAN'T. THIS IS UNFAIR & SHOULD BE OUTLAWED TO THESE NETWORKS WHO ARE OUT TO MAKE A BUCK, & DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO TO GET IT, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST TO US SUBSCRIBERS WHO ENJOY WHAT WE HAVE & DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT.

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE OUR SATELLITE SERVICE, & WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS UNTIL WE CAN GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK HEADS. IF YOU WANT TO WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR US FOLKS IN RURAL AREAS, I INVITE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR CITY LIFE & COME SEE HOW WE LIVE HERE IN THE QUIET, PEACEFUL COUNTRY LIFE. SORRY IF I OFFENDED ANYONE WITH SOME OF MY COMMENTS, BUT MYSELF & OUR NEIGHBORS ENJOY HAVING OUR SAT DISHES & DON'T WANT TO LOSE A FREEDOM IN WHAT WE HAVE AVAIL TO US FROM OUR PROGRAMMING. I WOULD HATE TO HAVE TO

F.C.C. people in WASHINGTON A Bill For  
WHAT it cost me to HAVE CABLE  
installed IF THAT WHAT'S it going to  
come Down to, in order to get Programm.

I will Be sure to include A Copy  
OF this LETTER to my Congressman, so  
he knows how I FEEL. I will also  
urge other people in my AREA to do  
the same.

THANKS For your Time  
& enjoy your noisy City Life  
CHRISTOPHER A CYRUS  
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THE PEOPLE WITH WHOSE NAMES I HAVE BEEN  
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THE F.C.C. REGULATIONS.

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Dear Sir;

I am deeply concerned that you are going to change my satellite viewing. I hope you take these things into consideration before any decisions are made.

If I could receive a reliable signal from my local stations I would not purchase Primetime 24 stations. In our area there are a great number of home station CB users, when they start talking it totally destroys our television picture, which is snowy at best. Cable in our area is much to expensive for us to even think about having installed just to view local stations. I don't really see the difference between buying our local stations from our provider or the cable company.

I do not think anyone has the right to decide what or where I purchase anything, much less what television stations I should be able to receive.

I thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

Lori Nichols

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In late September, 1998, I was advised by my satellite source that by a recent Federal Court Order, I might not be able to receive my CBS and FOX network programming in the future.

I contacted both local affiliates and explained that my reception for each was extremely poor and, in fact, the FOX network was non-existent. I live about 25 miles from the sources and have some very large trees in front of my house, in line with their signals. The CBS affiliate responded and gave me a written, conditional, waiver. The FOX affiliate indicated that I was in an excellent reception area and they would have to inspect in order to grant anything. I advised them that I would prefer to use their network since my FOX affiliate on my satellite showed mostly programs that I was not interested in and I was unable to view several college football games that the local affiliate showed because of this. I was told that the station would come out in about two weeks and make an inspection. About two weeks later, I received a telephone call asking directions and I was advised that I could expect someone within about two weeks. It has now been some two months and I have seen no one. I do have an elevated antennae, installed by a professional and I get no reception at all on FOX and I receive a signal from CBS which is about as good as I received when I lived in the city in the early 1950's.

I would ask that you implement a fair eligibility system to promote full access to network programming.

Please promote competition in communications.

Please oppose the major networks proposal to determine subscriber eligibility.

Finally, and I assume you have some direct contact with the networks, be advised that I will never tune in either of the above networks if they continue to force feed me on a local level. I had as soon go back to the radio, preferring to not ruin my eyes attempting to watch their inferior transmittals.

Joe W. Thomas  
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Mertzön, TX 76941

cc: Bill Carter, KIDY (Fox) 406 S. Irving, San Angelo, Texas 76903  
cc: Gordon Hay, KLST (CBS) P.O. Box 1941, San Angelo, Texas 76902  
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I Receive ABC Most of The Time,  
Not just sometimes, CBS Never,  
For Never. I Have Been receiving  
Prime Time 24 for 10 years, but I  
still watch ABC like rock when I  
can get it. Please Don't take away  
my Network Shows. Thanks.

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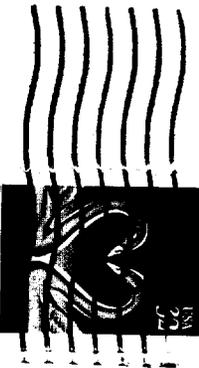
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Sir

I would like you  
to reader our ~~out~~  
net work service.

That we get on

Prime Time 24. Would  
like very much to  
back our Service.

We tel live 50 million  
from one station  
and that ABC. +  
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well.

Thank you  
Earl Perry

11850 NW 70 AVE

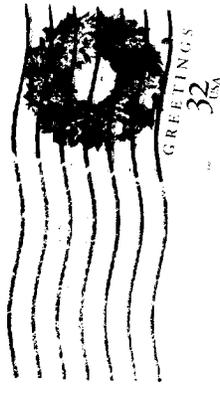
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To the Federal Communications Commission:  
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Subject: CS Docket #98-201

Regarding the subject of network television when received via satellites. A ruling which would prohibit our ability to use satellite reception would for all practical purposes prohibit our satisfactory reception of the primary network programming.

We live in a rural area, 12 miles from the nearest town of Salem, Mo.. Salem does have cablevision but it is not available in the rural areas. We are also approximately 90 line of sight miles from the nearest metropolitan cities of either Springfield, Columbia or St. Louis where the only direct transmission is available. Because of the distance, terrain and natural coverage our reception from these stations is a hit and miss proposition, and mostly miss.

I request that our satellite coverage as it is now, be allowed to continue. That the determination of whether or not we be allowed such coverage, not be left up to someone in New York City, L.A., Houston or any other metropolitan city. It has been my experience that too many of these people are totally unaware of conditions outside their city limits. How can we people in the "sticks" hope to get a satisfactory ruling from them.

Respectfully;

*T. O. Madsen*  
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We have had our satellite since 1994. The reason we got one was because we lived a good way from the CBS - station in our area. Only could get one channel & it was like watching a picture thru a snow storm. The line down in a hollow with high hills on both side of our house the signal had to pay to come & credit get over the ridges so one on our road can get a decent pictures most every one has a satellite of some kind. If you dont believe me you are welcome to come & see.

I would appreciate to be able to continue our service as it is. *Thank you Donald Kyler*

NANCY A KYLER  
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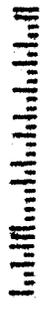
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Dear F.C.C.,

In 1990 I spent \$23000 to install a 10' C band satellite dish.

The reason I installed my dish is because I live 90 miles from stations in Springfield Mo, 65 miles from stations in Jefferson city Mo and 75 miles from stations in Columbia Mo.

My home sight was determined in 1868 by my Great Great grand parents, this being prior to broadcast Radio and broadcast Television. Their prime concerns were for Tornados, Wind damage, and central to the farm. This was a good choice because I have had severe wind damage to other parts of my farm on the higher elevations. The home in which I live was built in 1953 and the craftmans ship that went into it is very evident, as the house is very tight and heats very nicely.

The well I drilled to accommodate <sup>the</sup> New well pumps (submersibles) the old driller said I had the best well he ever drilled. My investment here does not allow me to move.

The nearest cable outlet is 12 miles away.

My home is built between a creek Bottom and two steep ridges and even with a large antenna and a 50' telescoping pole I only receive two local stations, Columbia channel 8 <sup>NBC</sup> and Jefferson city channel 13 cbs. They only come in in black and ~~white~~ white and the pictures are grainy and showed in and at certain times of

pulse in and out and are much worse. The sound is usually filled with static. It is the same with a rabbit ear too.

Radio reception AM + FM are equally poor.

My C band satellite changed all that, and we have enjoyed CBS NBC ABC FOX PBS since 1990. I tried one of those 18" satellites in 96 and could only get 86% signal and ever time a cloud changed position or squeezed the picture changed to squares. I disliked the way direct TV did business so I went back to my C Band

This area is so sparsely populated for cable to be profitable. I would prefer local Television but my reception is so poor I would rather read a book. Via Satellite I receive CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, PBS, all the cable channels and have the capacity for the movie networks with a clear picture and quality sound.

Thanks so much for your consideration

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing in regards to your upcoming ruling on the networks availability to satellite dish owners. First off, I like many other C band dish owners have a substantial investment in my system. Secondly, I can receive no network signal whatsoever. This being due to the fact that we live in a valley with mountains on either side and more mountains beyond them. I don't know of anyone near me that can receive these signals.

what I might suggest is, for you to implement a fair eligibility system that promotes full access to network programming. When us consumers can't receive a quality picture for local network stations we should be able to subscribe to satellite delivered network programming.

Also I think we should be treated fair about having competition in the communications marketplace. meaning that when we can't receive these signals that we are not forced to subscribe to a fly by night cable company. By the way I do not even have this option back here in the "sticks".

We consumers also can't have the networks deciding who can receive the signals and who can't. This is for obvious reasons. This will be unfair and will leave alot of people with poor signal reception without access to satellite network service. So let me ask you to please make a ruling thats fair to all and not one thats made just for network television.

Please give this matter much thought and be fair, thats all anyone should ask of you.

THANKS AND RESPECTFULLY YOURS  
MR. JAMES E HEDRICK  
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*James E. Hedrick*

*P.S. Please send Reply*

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att. Chairman Wm. E. Kennard, Com. Harold W. Furchtgott-Ro  
Comm. Susan Ness, Comm. Michael S. Powell, Comm. Gloria H. ...

Dear Sirs:

I live up in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I've been here with my family since 1979. Since we've lived here the TV/Radio Reception has been very bad, lots of snow and double images and fading pictures, and we only get a handful of channels. Since we have lived here we had tried all kinds of antennas and relatives have given us antennas as gifts, but the reception never got any better. Finally I called all the cable companies in my area. All the cable companies said "we have no plans on bringing cable into your area."

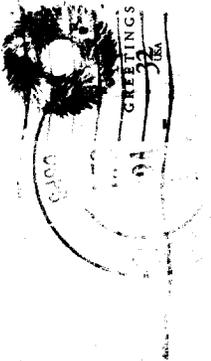
So, I decided to buy a satellite dish. It costs over \$2700, this was before the small dish was invented. Finally we are able to get good reception, but now people want to take that away from us. I don't understand how they have so much control over what we can watch. I have to pay for programming and still can't see what I want to see. I think we should be allowed to watch the local stations like everyone else. I don't think I should be penalized for living in a bad reception area. I'm paying extra for good reception and people with good reception pay nothing and get the local stations for free. Don't I have the same rights?

Sincerely,

Morris M. Puma

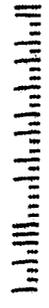
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Dear FCC.

I'm writing regarding terminating Prime Time 24 satellite service.

I live inside the city limits of a small town 20 miles east of Duluth, Mn. I can get ABC, NBC, CBS & PBS on an antenna from Duluth, however, depending on the time of day, the time of year (who knows) the picture can go from perfect to no picture or anywhere in between.

In fact one of my TV's even at times if the signal is weak will only deliver every third word spoken. If you don't think that is maddening!

We have lived here 30 years, There is Cable TV in our town but they have said they will never come down this road -

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Years ago we were forced to get a satellite dish which is not cheap to buy or maintain plus subscribe to Prime Time 24 simply to see a clear picture.

I'm a retired widow living in the boardwalk who is not ready to go back to watching a bad picture.

Our winters are long and cold, are you planning on taking away one of the few joys I have left in life?

Sincerely

Mrs Shirley Kuehl



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I'm a concerned SATELLITE owner  
 That Believes in THE freedom our fore  
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 freedom of choice Defeats the Purpos  
 of what America STANDS for. Use our  
 STATION or Get CRUMBY Reception or  
 NOTHING at all. Please tell me what's  
 The Difference in living here or <sup>IN</sup>  
 Communist Dictatorship.

Thank You  
 MARK Daniel Sumner  
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I understand that you will soon make a ruling that may affect my T.V. program reception via satellite. The only local station I receive, which is clear enough to watch, is FOX6.

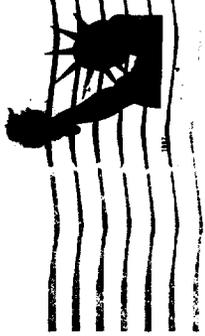
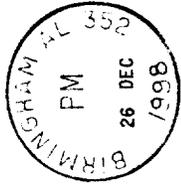
I live in a valley surrounded by mountains, which are covered with trees. The people who installed my antenna said I was lucky to get FOX6, considering my location.

I am a widowed 63 year old lady who lives alone in an isolated area. I beg you, please do not take this pleasure from me.

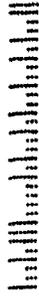
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TO FCC

I live over 100 miles from a local TV station. There are no cable network stations that will deliver TV cable to us. When I am able to have picture at all it is very poor quality.

This is hill country, I live behind two hills; it is also timber country, there are trees on all four sides of my property, so if I start watching a picture very seldom do I see the end.

So I beg you to oppose the television network's proposal to determine subscribers eligibility. I love to watch the news and weather which I can't watch without satellite. It would be very selfish to take satellite service from people like us.

Sincerely  
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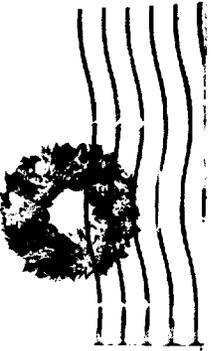
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Dear Sir,

We have problems picking up local programs here in Palm Bay, FL. from Orlando, FL.

So we had to get a satellite dish to get prime 24 plus when we miss a programs in the EAST we had to get the DENVER FIVE. We have a digital 4 D TV receiver, from SKY vision.

When consumers cannot consistently receive a quality picture from their local network stations, they should be eligible for satellite delivered network programming.

There should be competition in the communications marketplace between local network, cable and satellite dishes to bring the picture in better.

So please oppose the television networks proposal to determine subscriber eligibility

Sincerely,  
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