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Dear Sirs:

Please take a moment to read, and understand, my situation as a law abiding citizen.

I live in Citra, Fl. An unincorporated town approx. 30 miles from Gainesville Fl. Gainesville has a local TV station, WCSB Ch. 20. I installed a mast so I could receive their picture. That is the only way I can receive it. Since I would like to get other stations across the country, I invested in a satellite dish. For example, If I'm in church on Sunday AM, & I miss "Meet The Press" I can catch it at 10 AM or 11 AM from another time zone. If I'm home at 9 AM, I watch it locally.

I called the station & was told that they would make no exceptions. I could watch what was available on Ch 20 or else.

I cannot get Jacksonville, Orlando, or Tampa on my mast.

Since I have invested in a mast, a satellite etc., I find it unnecessary to be deprived of watching the many programs available across the country. Would appreciate any considerations you might give to alleviate the situation.

 James A Landon
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Citra, FL 32113-2184

Sincerely
James A. Landon

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Federal Communications Commission:

C S Docket # 98-201
119 M street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that it is a possibility that your committee is about to abolish my satellite service. This would be big problem for me since my only consistant and acceptable television reception is furnished by my satellite.

At my home in the area of East San Diego is located in an area of Forest, Mountains, and other obstructions and regular T.V. is very limited with a poor picture at best. There is no cable television in my area.

I have a large sum of money (for me) invested in my satellite and it would not be fair to discontinue my reception. Where I live is in a very large area East of San Diego viz: Jacumba, etc.

Cable T.V. does not always furnish 100% coverage. For instance on 1/1/99 they did not show the Rose Bowl game because someone forgot to throw a switch. Another problem is the picture is either off or very SNOWY on occasions.

Please consider me and thousands like me who have satellites.

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Your, Clair W Mitchell
C.W. Mitchell

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Please Help!

We Live in A Remote
AREA AND the ONLY
Service We CAN Receive
IS NBC FROM MARquette
Michigan.

We Need SATELITE
PROGRAMING To receive
ALL NETWORKS

Thank you!

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Attn: Commissioners

We understand that in the near future we possibly won't be able to receive satellite network programming. This is very distressing to us as we have no local stations that reach us. The closest we can receive, & definitely not an acceptable picture, is about 120 miles away. If it weren't for satellite we would get no television.

We understand there is cable available in the town of Joplin (our mailing address), but as we are 12 to 15 miles out from there in the mountains, they don't come anywhere near us, also, the mountains are the reason for our not getting reception other than satellite. CBS and Fox are not available to us at all from anywhere but satellite.

We don't feel that we, and all the people in our area who don't have the luxury of the availability of cable, should be punished by not over

receiving these programs just because we live
in a particular area.

We ask that you implement a system that
will give us full access to all network pro-
gramming.

We strongly urge that you oppose the net-
work's proposal to determine our eligibility
to receive these programs.

Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Millhouse
271 Hidden Creek Rd.
Joplin, N.C. 28781

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Rt One Box 494
Floralala, AL 36442

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Dear COMMISSIONERS:

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I am writing you regarding the upcoming network television service being transmitted via communication satellite. For the past 4½ years my family and I have been able to receive good quality television programming. The quality of our reception has greatly improved during this time because of satellite transmission. Prior to the purchase of a satellite system the programming we could receive was limited to an NBC station in Montgomery and PBS station in DOZIER, AL. We could sometimes get CBS and ABC depending on weather conditions.

There are a number of factors that may affect our reception. First is the distance from the station. I live an average of an hour drive from the transmitting station. A more specific measure would be as follows: Montgomery NBC 100 miles, Dothan CBS 80 miles, Pensacola ABC 85 miles, Selma CBS 100 miles, and Panama City NBC 80 miles. Another reason may be high tension line that run across our property. These lines belong to Covington ELEC. Coop. They are 50 feet east of our house and our antenna is at the west of the house, a distance of 80 feet.

I would ask that any regulation that is set in place be fair for the consumer. In this area cable is not available. I would urge you to consider a plan that would make the network channels that choose to broadcast via satellite transmission to be competitive. This plan should also indicate areas of need so that the networks are not free to change at will.

I am hopeful that I and other citizens in my position can count on you to keep our interests in mind when addressing this proposal.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely.

James E. Corbett

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153 East 53rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10022

IMPORTANT SUBSCRIBER ALERT!

**--THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR
SATELLITE NETWORK TELEVISION SERVICE--**

WE NEED YOU TO CONTACT THE FCC TODAY!

Dear Subscriber:

We Need Your Help!

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking which could affect your ability to watch satellite delivered network programming. The notice concerns the eligibility standards for consumers who wish to receive satellite delivered network television. We need your help to ensure that any rule the FCC issues is written in a consumer friendly manner and reflects your concerns about the existing law.

Here's The Issue

As you may know, a federal court has determined preliminarily that many of our current subscribers are likely ineligible to receive satellite delivery of network television. The court has said that after February 28, 1999, satellite television viewers in certain areas may obtain CBS and FOX network programming only from their local network stations. This is true even if they do not receive an acceptable over-the-air picture from those stations.

In response to this court decision, and because of the negative impact that terminating satellite network service would have on huge numbers of PrimeTime 24 subscribers, the FCC is considering issuing a new rule governing eligibility for satellite network television. The new rule could help preserve your service. **But the FCC needs your input to fully understand the problem!**

Within the next few weeks, the FCC will be hearing from consumers across the country about the factors which affect individual households' ability to view their local television stations. The Agency may consider those factors when it decides how eligibility for satellite network service should be determined.

What You Can Do To Influence This Process

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- Write the FCC today and let them know: ^Iif you cannot receive an acceptable picture from ~~your~~ local network stations. If you know the reason why, please be specific and mention whether the interference is due to topography (mountains, hills, valleys, etc.), electrical wires, buildings, trees or other obstructions.

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• ~~Ask the FCC to implement a fair eligibility system that promotes full access to network programming.~~ When consumers cannot consistently receive a quality picture from their local network stations, they should be eligible for satellite delivered network programming.

I • Urge the FCC to promote competition in the communications marketplace. When consumers receive poor quality pictures from their local network stations, cable television shouldn't be their only recourse. Individuals with poor quality reception should be able to watch their favorite network television shows on satellite, and not be forced to rely on cable.

I • Finally, urge the FCC to oppose the television networks' proposal to determine subscriber eligibility. Under the networks' 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 station supposedly sufficient to produce acceptable reception. This is unfair and leaves too many people with poor reception without access to satellite network service.

We need your help immediately. The FCC will be drafting this rule in the upcoming weeks. Please send your correspondence via regular mail, fax or e-mail directly to the Commissioners at the FCC:

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Your comments at this stage are critical.

Thanks for your help on this matter. We appreciate your continued support of PrimeTime 24.

Sincerely,

H Thomas Casey

H. Thomas Casey
President and CEO
PrimeTime 24

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P.S.— Please provide us with a copy of the letter you send to the FCC. PrimeTime 24's address is 153 East 53rd Street, NY, NY 10022. Our fax number is 212-644-6450.

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I think the people of this country should have freedom of choice. The last time I heard we did. But now I think this country is turning into a communist country when the government starts telling the people where and what they can have. We the people should still have this choice unless we are becoming another USSR. Enough is enough. Let the people have some say in this country. The cable people should not have the choice to force us to watch what they want to show. Most cable companies have poor reception and bad service.

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Thank
 Robert Lecker

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Dec. 28. 1998

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Dear F.C.C. ~~COMMUNICATIONS~~ ^{COMMUNICATIONS}

I am writing in response to the F.C.C. ruling on my receiving of prime time 24 network stations. I am unable to receive decent reception due to the mountainous terrain in my area. Please do not rule to take away prime time 24 from us. Cable companies will not run cable to us because we are too sparsely populated. Please oppose the television networks proposal to determine subscriber eligibility. Please help.

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Dear FCC -

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I Please consider carefully
before limiting the consumer's
option to receive local channels
from a ~~dish~~ satellite dish.

In my case, 1 local channel
comes in fuzzy at best.

Also importantly, the
stations CBS, ABC, NBC +
FOX can be obtained at
times other than local time
which allows multiple viewing
options. Thank you for
your consideration.

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Sincerely,
Lauren McBride

PS - The programming varies slightly as
well as the times. I watch local and
satellite channels equally of the channels I