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VIA FACSIMILE

Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth:

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Respectfully submitted,



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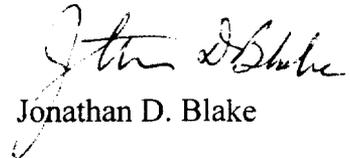
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