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Mr. William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

I am informed that the Commission is considering changes in the eligibility of participants in the C and F Block re-auctions.

Protection of small businesses and entrepreneurs has been a very important part of these auctions which should be maintained. Within the state of Mississippi, entrepreneurs are doing an excellent job of providing service to rural areas that were previously unserved.

I urge that the Commission retain the rules that have worked so well for the public over the years.

Sincerely,



THAD COCHRAN
United States Senator

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