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Federal Communications Commission
Government Relations Representative
Attn: Diane

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Diane:

Enclosed please find a letter from one of my constituents, Mr. And Mrs. Evert E. Bostic of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, regarding digital television services.

I would appreciate it if you would review the correspondence and assist me in responding to my constituent. Please direct your comments to my Washington office, attention: Victoria Stackwick.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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The Honorable John Warner
225 Russell Building
Washington DC 20515

RE: *Support for Modification of the DTV Build-out Deadline of May 1, 2002, and the Early Return of the Digital Channel Allowing for a Prompt Auction*

Dear Senator John Warner:

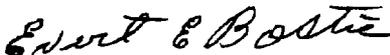
I am a supporter of the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) and all smaller market and independent television stations around the country who, by government mandate, must build a digital channel by May 1, 2002. The government's plan simply does not provide sufficient time for such an undertaking, and is unfair to stations like TBN which are publicly supported and need a longer time to plan for the enormous expense of building and operating another channel.

At present, fewer than 200 of the more than 1600 television stations in the nation have built digital channels, and most of those are in the major television markets. Stations in the smaller markets simply need more time to complete their build-out. Also, there are very few viewers who have digital tuners that can receive this service, so Congress should not punish the independent stations by obligating them to spend the millions of dollars required to build and operate a digital station when no one is watching.

To accommodate the smaller market and independent stations, I am asking you to support giving those smaller stations an option of returning their digital channel now, which would allow for an early auction of the retrieved frequency by the government. Electing stations would then be relieved of the May 1, 2002 build-out deadline, and allowed to convert to a digital operation by the December 31, 2006 transition deadline for all analog stations.

I hope you will act to help in this important matter. I would appreciate a response.

Respectfully,



Evert E. Bostic