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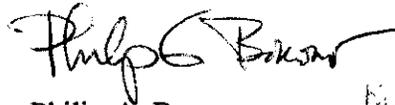
**Re: Amendment of the Television Table of Allotments to Delete  
Noncommercial Reservation of Channel \*16, 482-488 MHz,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, MM Docket No. 01-276 /**

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of WQED Pittsburgh, I am enclosing for inclusion in the above-referenced docket a letter from Representatives Mike Doyle and John P. Murtha to Chairman Michael K. Powell.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip A. Bonomo

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March 20, 2002

Michael K. Powell  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

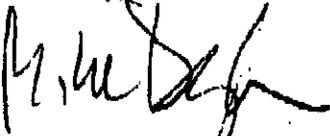
We are writing to reiterate our strong support for the petition (MM Docket No. 01-276) filed by WQED Pittsburgh to switch WQEX from a noncommercial to a commercial station.

In previous correspondence, we have noted that WQED is one of western Pennsylvania's most prized cultural and educational resources. Granting WQED the relief it seeks will benefit the people of the greater Pittsburgh region by enabling WQED to use the proceeds from the sale of WQEX to relieve its financial distress. A significant number of Pittsburgh's cultural, community, and business leaders share this view, and have added their names to the long list of local and regional supporters of the dereservation effort. In contrast, WQED's opposition seems to be largely comprised of a single individual, who is an outspoken critic of not only WQED, but of the Public Broadcasting Service as well.

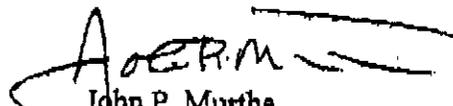
As members who are well informed with regard to the nation's scarce spectrum resources, we recognize the importance of putting these resources to their highest and best use. WQED has conclusively demonstrated that the best use of the WQEX frequency is to return it to its original commercial designation so that the station can be sold, as proposed, to a Pittsburgh native. In this way, the people of southwestern Pennsylvania will benefit from a stronger public television voice, and a new commercial station, for years to come.

For these reasons, your prompt and favorable consideration of the WQED petition is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Mike Doyle  
Member of Congress



John P. Murtha  
Member of Congress