

Dear FCC, Regarding the recent press release outlining the intent of the FCC to release unused TV station bands to internet broadband services and wi-fi devices, I am in strong protest to this change in available frequencies. I am in charge of the audio/visual department at my church and am in daily contact with over 2500 of my fellow church sound professionals and volunteers. All of us are coming to rely on wireless microphone and instrument technology more each passing day to compete with the secular world of music and video with regard to providing a satisfying worship experience.

As you know, wireless microphone technology currently occupies the same VHF and UHF range as many TV stations and it is no small task to find open channels suitable for use in a worship environment, or any small-to-large scale entertainment venue. With the advent of digital television our available channels are diminishing at an already alarming rate. By further opening up the already limited TV channels to commercial internet and wi-fi use, the FCC will be putting a tremendous burden on the already budget limited religious, theatrical, educational, and small professional communities. Many of us will be forced to limit the use of existing wireless units due to commercial broadband frequency interference until such time as we can afford to upgrade to more expensive and flexible units. During this time the quality of worship and secular performances will suffer due to the interference of commercial corporations.

Please reconsider this proposal and consider the effect on the religious, volunteer, educational, and small business communities. We should not be needlessly forced to suffer for the commercial gain of internet and wi-fi providers, who's services provide more of a luxury than a necessity. Rather, the burden should be on the communications providers to research and develop newer technology to improve the quality and availability of their services.

Respectfully,  
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