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~~Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary~~

FCC Chairman Michael Powell
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Take the Public Interest Obligation Seriously

Dear FCC Chairman Powell:

The airwaves belong to the public and, for three-quarters of a century, broadcasters who use them have been obligated to serve the public interest. Yet the FCC has left it to broadcasters to define this obligation, resulting in a race to the bottom.

In the coming age of digital TV, broadcasters will be able to transmit six times as much programming over the public airwaves. We believe that:

"Before allowing broadcasters to profit even more from public airwaves, the FCC must define minimum standards for broadcasters to fulfill their public interest obligation through coverage of elections and civic affairs."

Sincerely,


Russell Collins

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