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From: George Smith [george_smith@sad40.k12.me.us]
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 2:37 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Give me more control over my cable bill

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FCC Commissioner Jonathon Adelstein

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Please consider this as yet another consumer who wants an "a la carte" cable system!!!

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Mr. George Smith
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Thank you,

robert greenstein
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Commack, NY 11725-5607

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Thank you,

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Thank you,

Ms. Lisa McKenzie
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Vancouver, WA 98665-8460

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Thank you,

Mrs. Camille Phillips
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Shalimar, FL 32579-1156

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Wanda campbell
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Valliant, OK 74764-0771

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Ms. vivian hendrickson
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San Carlos, CA 94070-1537

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Darlene Silvestri
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Since I can't get cable, I, too, would like
to be able to pick the channels I watch.
We have to pay for tons of channels that we
never watch.

Thank you,

Mrs. Opal Husted
3654 Highway 88 E
Mena, AR 71953-8970

Angela Boston

From: Susan Zuege [dobsonzuege@juno.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 6:07 PM
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Thank you,

Ms. Susan Zuege
7052 20th Pl NE
Seattle, WA 98115-5712

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Thank you,

Mr. Jay Roach
125 Terrace Dr
New Castle, PA 16102-2833

Angela Boston

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Thank you,

Mrs. nancy m. kisling
6262 E Point Rd
Elkton, VA 22827-2419

Angela Boston

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Dear FCC Commissioner Adelstein,

Of all the men in government service, you are one of the men I respect the most because of your service in Vietnam. How you survived that hell hole of a prison is something I respect the most.

President Kennedy is the person I respected most in my youth and was the reason I volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy for five years during the Vietnam Era. I volunteered for and requested service in 'Nam, but I was not picked. My service was at USNTC Great Lakes and the USS Shenandoah AD-26 home ported in Norfolk.

Now I am totally disabled drawing Social Security Disability after an on the job injury with a company for whom I worked for 30 years after Navy Service.

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Thank you,

Mr. Thomas G Welch, Sr
822 Sky Pine Way Apt D1
Greenacres, FL 33415-9041

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From: John Salamun [catosalamun@comcast.net]
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Thank you,

Mr. John Salamun
21313 Erben St
Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081-3121

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From: Donovan Ceaser [donovonc@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 11:16 AM
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Thank you,

Mr. Donovan Ceaser
POB 1185
Lafayette, LA 70585

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Mr. David Robinson
1015 S Route 9
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210-2753

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Mr. Adalberto Garcia
5626 North St
Bartlett, TN 38134-3442

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Thank you,

Mrs. Sue Ditekowsky
20 White Spruce Cir
Commack, NY 11725-4323

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2500 E Harmony Rd Lot 391
Fort Collins, CO 80528-8577