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Kevin Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: February 23, 2005 Order

Dear Chairman Martin,

Fisher Communications, Inc. ("Fisher") strongly supports your decision to reconsider the Commission's February 23, 2005 order that had denied multicast carriage of digital television stations on cable systems. Fisher owns 10 televisions, with ABC affiliates in Seattle and Portland, and CBS stations regionally, and we depend upon cable and satellite providers to transmit to the vast majority of our viewers.

Currently, Fisher, like other broadcasters, is engaged in the exciting transition to digital television. For the public to fully benefit from this transition, cable operators should be prevented from refusing to carry all of a broadcaster's digital signals. Fisher intends to utilize fully all of its digital spectrum to produce local programming, or targeted content of great local interest in Fisher's markets in the very near future.

Currently, the large cable providers either refuse to carry all of our digital programming or they effectively condition carriage on terms that regulate our content. This is antithetical to the policy behind requiring retransmission consent in the 1992 Cable Act, Pub. L. No. 102-385 (1992), which is to best serve the public interest through a system that mandates full broadcast carriage.

Accordingly, Fisher urges the Commission to rule that cable providers be required to carry multicast digital television stations on their cable systems.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen B. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Colleen B. Brown