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competition prevent further restrictions on cable subscribers' ability to make legitimate use of recorded content.

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by the integration ban, consumers would have the freedom to choose the least restrictive cable-compatible device available. The CableCARD standard already prescribes restrictions that harm consumers by limiting non-infringing uses, and such restrictions will get even worse if cable providers' set-top boxes are unchecked by competition.

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Sincerely,

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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

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