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RE: Broadcast Localism (MB Docket 04-233)

May 21, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am Chairman of the Overture Foundation. Our foundation has given the City of Madison, Wisconsin a cultural arts facility located in downtown Madison. The facility provides venues for both performing and visual arts groups. There are nine residence groups and provisions for touring groups.

Construction of Overture took eight years to complete. During that time we had superior support from WISC-TV. They were of great help in informing the public of the opportunities they will have to enjoy and participate in the new Center.

To date we have had many thousands of people enjoy the facility. Most of the major events have been covered by WISC-TV and the station has supported it with senior management volunteering their time and talent. Downtown Madison has changed, with new retail, restaurants, condos and commercial buildings. I feel this is partially due to the partnership of WISC-TV with Overture.

I am writing this for I feel that our community is very well served by local television. It is not necessary for them to provide additional reporting for they are very responsive to the needs and betterment of our community.

Sincerely yours,

OVERTURE FOUNDATION


W. Jerome Frautschi

Chairman

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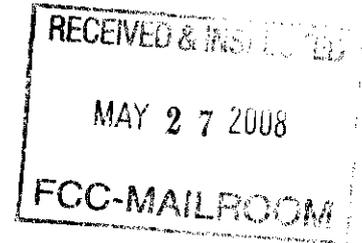
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Dear Ms Dortch,

I am writing in on behalf of WISC-TV3, in Madison, Wisconsin, in response to information about Broadcast Localism (MB Docket 04-233). As a Board Member of Kujichagulia-Madison Center of Self-Determination, Inc. and Co-Chair of the Juneteenth Celebration which is in it's nineteenth year. We have over 15, 000 citizens attend our celebration each year. We have a very diverse attendance at our celebrations and this is largely due to the information that reaches all segments of our community.

Juneteenth is the first program of Kujichagulia-MCSD and it is a historical and cultural celebration of freedom in the United States. It commemorates the freeing of the last enslaved people on June 19, 1865. Although the Emancipation Proclamation was signed January 1, 1863, freedom was not enforced in Galveston, Texas until a Union General arrived with troops and issued the order freeing 250,000 African Americans. Juneteenth celebrations take place all over the United States especially in the Southern states and urban cities.

In 1990, a group of Madison's Black community leaders, collaborated with the Madison Inner City Council on Substance Abuse to implement the Juneteenth Celebration. From the beginning, Juneteenth Day has been a wholesome, drug- and alcohol-free event that children and families could enjoy. The Celebration's mission is to unite Madison's black community in a positive way and improve its quality of life through the positive reinforcement of its heritage, culture and accomplishments, as well as enhancing its ability to become an effective part of the greater Madison community.

To name a few of the ways that WISC-TV3 has helped us for over 15 years; each year they produce 15 and 30 second Public Service Announcements that air many times during prime time programming. Over the years we have been on several of the news programs including "For the Record" with Neil Heinen. Mr. Heinen has also done several editorial appeals for us to help raise awareness about our organization and also has helped us money from corporate sponsors. The station has participated in Race & the Media Forums and I feel we have made great advancements in helping them understand the African American community and they have aired some very interesting and positive stories.

Kujichagulia-MCSD has an effective working relationship with the station that helps us serve the public. Station personnel should not have to provide additional proof to the FCC about the responsiveness of its local programming i.e. local news, emergency broadcasts, PSAs and community sponsorships.

We feel that additional reporting isn't necessary because the station is already responsive to the needs of my community.

Sincerely,

Mona Adams Winston

Mona Adams Winston, Co-Chair

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Attn: Chief, Media Bureau

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GENTLEMEN:

We urgently request that you address the need to change the rules on Broadcast Localism.

We have satellite television on our farm and home in Evening Shade Arkansas. When the tornados hit Ash Flat and Hardy Arkansas early this year, we were without any warning. Our satellite television does not allow us to use local state broadcast stations.

There were three of us in the home two over the age of 65 and one 89 years of age. A neighbor had to rush down and get us and put us in his basement during this storm. We had no knowledge a Tornado was coming except to look outside and try to assess the weather.

It is absolutely ridiculous in this age and time and in this country that we cannot get our local stations and get our news and warnings within our state. Having stations in Atlanta Georgia does not do us any good in Evening Shade, Arkansas. This rule needs to be changed and allow the satellite companies to give us our state news. How can we get the local political news and adds for the people we want to vote for without having local stations give us this news.

Now is the time to change and allow us to have our own state stations. Not stations from California, Georgia or Michigan that do us absolutely no good at all other than to let us know what the weather is in those states.

MB Docket No. O4-233 we believe is the report that concerns this problem. We need change and we need it sooner rather than later.

Sincerely



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