



March 4, 2009

Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CSR-8126 (ACM *et al.*) - MB Docket No. 09-13

Dear Secretary:

As the regional economic development entity for McHenry County, MCEDC recognizes the value of public access programming and knows firsthand that many of our municipalities and social service agencies need this tool.

Faced with the incredibly challenging economy, we all need to be innovative and creative when it comes to promoting our events and opportunities to people throughout the region and to local residents. Since most budgets have been severely impacted over the past several years and even more so in 2009, it is imperative that we have public access programming as an available, affordable tool.

Since our public access programming is now available on AT&T's U-verse video service, viewers from across the Chicagoland area, in addition to local residents, can learn more about everything that makes McHenry County such a unique place. By showcasing local government and events to this we're spotlighting all our assets and attributes, which can help attract new visitors, residents and businesses, while still fulfilling our main mission to local taxpayers and spur our economy forward.

The goal of public access programming is to ensure that the public has easy access and thru AT&T U-verse video service, we can actually broaden our reach. We support this effort and only see its value exponentially increased during this economic crisis. Thank you for supporting this essential tool.

Sincerely,

Jean Schober, Interim President
McHenry County Economic Development Corporation

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