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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
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As you may know, Cablevision plans to go all-digital in New York City early next year and has requested permission from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to encrypt its basic signal at the same time. Cablevision's intent to go digital will deliver tremendous benefits to my constituents. That is why I urge you to approve this request.

The FCC has long encouraged cable operators to go "all-digital". If Cablevision is allowed to encrypt its signal as well, the company could ultimately lower or eliminate cable installation costs for thousands of my constituents.

As an added benefit, granting this request would mean 400,000 fewer Cablevision trucks moving throughout the city each year—reducing Cablevision's environmental impact, improving our already-congested city streets, and helping reduce air pollution.

I believe that the benefits of increased consumer convenience and improvements to the environment are in the interest of the general public, including my constituents in the Bronx and Queens. I urge you to expeditiously approve Cablevision's petition, and I look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joseph Crowley
Joseph Crowley
Member of Congress

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March 2, 2010

The Honorable Joseph Crowley
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Dear Congressman Crowley:

Thank you for your letter regarding a Petition for Waiver that Cablevision Systems Corporation filed with the Commission. Cablevision had requested a waiver of the Commission's rule (76.630(a)) prohibiting encryption of the basic service tier by a cable television system operator.

I am pleased to report that on January 8, 2010, the Commission's Media Bureau approved Cablevision's waiver request subject to certain conditions, including a requirement for Cablevision to submit regular reports describing the number of customer complaints received relating to the waiver. This reporting requirement will help to inform the Commission on the further utility of the encryption rule. I am enclosing a copy of the Bureau's *Order* for your information.

I appreciate learning your views on this important matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", written over a horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski

Enclosure