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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the Commission works to adopt policies that determine the future of spectrum reallocation, I urge you to consider carefully the impact of spectrum policy changes on all users, but particularly on rural consumers and broadcasters.

The extent to which wireless communications have impacted the country can be seen in the internet becoming the leading source of new jobs, investment opportunities, and improved living conditions, and I agree with you that forward-looking spectrum policy should recognize and advance these efforts. However, because free over-the-air local broadcast television services provide my constituents not only with entertainment and local news programming, as well as access to vital emergency information, it also is important that viewers not lose access to any of their local broadcast programming-

I look forward to working with the Commission to ensure that future spectrum policies do not diminish any of the broadcast services available to consumers in rural regions. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

BILL OWENS  
Member of Congress

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