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May 3, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

MB Docket No. 10-238

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On February 15, 2011, I wrote to the Commission to offer comments for a report the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is preparing regarding in-state television broadcast programming as required by Section 304 of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act.

My goal has been—and continues to be—to assure that households receive access to in-state programming. I was pleased to find out that the local cable system in Garrett County, Maryland (which is in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania television market) has recently re-instated carriage of in-state Station WHAG-TV, Hagerstown, Maryland in Garrett County, and it is my understanding the cable system is in discussions with in-state Station WBAL-TV, Baltimore, for carriage of WBAL-TV's local, in-state news programming. This is a step in the right direction in ensuring that all Maryland residents have the ability to view in-state broadcasts. I am supportive of businesses like, WHAG-TV and WBAL-TV, for their willingness to provide Marylanders with this television access. I will continue to work towards ensuring that constituents are able to view news, politics, sports and entertainment pertinent to their own state. I believe we must have a public policy which reflects constituents' interests and right to see broadcasts from their own state of Maryland.

Thank you for your attention to my comments. I look forward to the FCC's report and solution to addressing this problem.

Sincerely,

Roscoe Bartlett  
Member of Congress

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