

December 9, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Basic Service Tier Encryption, MB Dkt. No. 11-169

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a local government dedicated to protecting its constituents in consumer affairs issues, the Township of Irvington, New Jersey supports the Commission's proposal to allow cable operators in all-digital systems to encrypt all channels. We have reviewed the rule change and concluded that it will produce significant benefits for our community.

We are very pleased to see that the Commission has proposed equipment conditions to cover any customers who will need additional equipment as a result of encryption. These consumer protection measures make sense further ensure that encryption will not negatively impact consumers.

As you know, this proposed rule will allow cable operators to control access to service remotely, which means fewer service trucks on the street and less pollution. Like many cities and towns, our city leaders are constantly looking for ways to reduce congestion. The FCC has constructed a rule that will help in the effort. At the same time, the proposed rule will also help our cable operators achieve greater efficiency in their efforts to support deployment in our community.

On behalf of the Township, I respectfully request that the Commission adopt its proposed rule change quickly and applaud your efforts to strike a good balance in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Smith
Mayor

