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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-71

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to let you know that my cable TV bill keeps sky rocketing because big-business broadcasters insist on charging exorbitant carriage fees to our local cable providers. While I understand that local cable providers are required by federal regulations to obtain permission to carry the broadcasters' signals, I strongly protest the fact that these broadcasters are charging enormous carriage fees and, as a result, causing my cable bill to go up and up.

I think it is vital to the public interest for the FCC to address this issue immediately. It is imperative for the FCC to take action that will curb abusive conduct by TV station owners and protect millions of customers across the nation that are being unfairly treated by these dominant broadcast corporations, which are allowed to rely on favorable federal regulations to engage in rampant, unrestrained price gouging.

I believe it is the FCC's duty to stop money-hungry broadcasters from lining their pockets at the expense of Small Town America. I urge you to stop broadcasters from charging these enormous fees and introduce some sanity and fairness into the retransmission consent process.

Thank you,  
Signed



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