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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Paul A. Gosar  
U.S. House of Representatives  
504 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Sam Graves  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rubén Hinojosa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Timothy V. Johnson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Dave Loebsack  
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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

August 15, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Frank D. Lucas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2311 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lucas:

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113 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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