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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 27, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to you regarding the television broadcast incentive auction that Congress authorized as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. We believe increasing the amount of spectrum allocated to wireless broadband services advances an important national goal and is critical to supporting competition and quality of service on our nation's wireless networks. We do want to ensure, however, that television broadcasters who do not wish to participate in the auctions are fairly treated.

Additional spectrum provided under the auctions will not only benefit the companies and individuals that provide and use mobile broadband services, but it will also fuel technological innovation and increase our global competitiveness. In addition, the incentive auctions will generate revenue for much needed deficit reduction.

We expect the FCC to act expeditiously in moving to spectrum auctions. Without causing any delay to that process, we urge you to consider the needs of broadcasters that choose not to participate in the auctions and their viewers. We encourage a transparent and inclusive process.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Aaron Schock  
Member of Congress



Mike Quigley  
Member of Congress



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

January 15, 2013

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1124 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Quigley:

Thank you for your letter regarding incentive auctions of broadcast television spectrum. I appreciate your interest in this matter and am pleased to provide the enclosed letter on this issue from the Chief of the Media Bureau's Office of Communications and Industry Information.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski

Enclosure



Federal Communications Commission  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
CN-1201191

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
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Dear Congressman Quigley:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to conduct its proceeding to implement the incentive auction of broadcast television spectrum in an open and transparent manner. Your concerns about the future of over-the-air broadcast television are very important, and your correspondence will be included in the record of the proceeding.

The Commission's work in the incentive auction proceeding is guided by a set of core goals and principles that are intended to maximize broadcaster participation by, among other things, making the auction process as transparent and easy-to-understand as possible. To advance this goal, the Commission established a program which is designed specifically to educate and solicit substantive input from broadcasters on all aspects of the incentive auction.

The Commission appreciates your interest in this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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Michael S. Perko  
Chief, Office of Communications and Industry Information  
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