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RE: FCC Docket No. 12-268

The current actions proposed by the Federal Communications Commission seeks to not only retrieve spectrum from what has been allocated for FREE Over-the-Air Broadcasting and re-allocate it to the telecommunications spectrum for use by telephone companies for “other uses”.

As a broadcaster, I have already lost a considerable financial investment by having my ministry’s LPTV station’s channel re-allocated to the telephone companies and having to go silent. We then lost the license because further FCC actions proposed that if we rebuilt, it would happen again on the new channel that we were approved by the FCC to use for our displacement channel.

The reallocation of broadcast spectrum is a dangerous move by the Commission that will seriously hamper mass communications during emergencies and disasters. As someone who has lived thru several hurricanes, I have seen the telecom facilities disabled or destroyed while local tv stations were able to stay on-the-air and provide badly needed emergency information.

The Internet cannot replace FREE Over-the-Air Broadcasting.

Channel “Repacking” is just another method of ending broadcast television.

Although many enjoy and utilize the internet and other telecom services, broadcast television is **STILL** the best manner in which to reach the most people at one time with minimal facilities. To destroy the industry by reallocating its spectrum is not progress, but is short-sighted and dangerous.

Sincerely,
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