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Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

In the matter of
Expanding the Economic and Innovation
Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions
Docket No. 12-268

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission's plan to reallocate spectrum from established Low-Power Television Stations for broadband use is contrary to the public interest.

No television spectrum should be taken from television stations and allocated elsewhere, as all federally-licensed stations, both full- and low-power, are serving the immediate needs of the public in a way that no large wireless corporations could. LPTV, especially, serves the needs of American citizens for specialized, regional programming with free, over-the-air content. Reallocating spectrum limits free public access to information. It is a limitation of free speech. A strong *independent* broadcasting system is essential to keeping citizens educated and informed, and is therefore essential to the preservation of democracy.

It is my belief that this proceeding is contrary to the government's responsibility to protect the rights of individuals over corporations, and should be promptly dismissed. I support the comments filed by the International Broadcasting Network on this matter.

Sincerely,

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