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My qualifications for this comment are based upon a careful study and analysis of the proposed rule memo that was introduced by Community Television of Ohio. Further qualifications stem from the fact that this memo deals with a television broadcast station that is located in Cleveland, Ohio which happens to be my hometown, and so I am very familiar with WJW channel 8 as I have relied on this news station for nearly 22 years.

My understanding of this proposed rulemaking memo is that Community Television of Ohio is attempting to substitute channel 31 for channel 8 Cleveland as a result of many viewers in areas that lie southwest of Cleveland no longer receiving the broadcast signal of channel 8 that has since been transmitted digitally in the post 2009 conversion. Upon hearing this proposal, I have to commend the Community Television of Ohio and lend my support to the cause of substituting channel 31 in place of channel 8. The digital conversion that took place in June of 2009 had a profound effect on many

Americans including those living in the state of Ohio. Many households were forced to upgrade either their television set or their basic cable plan, or in some instances, required to purchase a digital converter or sign a cable contract in order to continue to enjoy local network stations that would no longer be broadcast through an analogue signal. People did not choose to no longer receive a signal from a channel that had been a part of their regular viewing pleasure, and so I support a measure that would either make it possible for these viewers to again enjoy a no longer received station, or to have said station replaced rather than receive a weak signal that is unreliable. Viewers did not sign up for the digital conversion, and so it is appropriate that measures be taken to insure network longevity.