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U.S. House of Representatives
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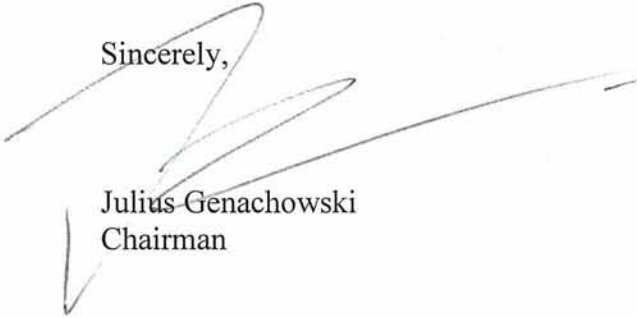
Dear Congressman Peters:

Thank you for your September 9, 2009 letter regarding the *Petitions for Declaratory Ruling* that were filed with the Commission concerning the carriage of public, educational and governmental (PEG) channels on multichannel video programming distribution systems. Like you, I believe that PEG channels are an important source of local programming and the Commission should ensure that the channels receive equitable treatment consistent with the Commission's rules.

As discussed in your correspondence, the *Petitions* filed by the Alliance for Community Media, and the cities of Dearborn and Lansing, Michigan, seek Commission guidance on several issues related to the carriage of PEG channels. On February 6, 2009, the Commission issued a *Public Notice* establishing a period for comment on the issues presented in the *Petitions*. The comment period in the proceeding has closed, and the Commission's Media Bureau staff is evaluating the record developed in the proceeding. I hope that the Commission will be in a position to address the issues raised in the *Petitions* in the near future.

I appreciate learning your concerns on this important matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski
Chairman