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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

November 4, 2009

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to express my long-running concern about the lack of a VHF television station in New Jersey, and an important initiative now underway to remedy this inequity.

Recently, I was contacted by PMCM TV, a group ready to relocate a station to New Jersey with the objective of finally filling the local television programming void that exists in most of my state. The principals of PMCM are also the principals of Press Communications, the current licensee of several radio stations in New Jersey that put an emphasis on local content. Members of this group have also established and operated television stations and radio stations throughout the Eastern United States for over 30 years. They understand the broadcast business, New Jersey's needs, and most importantly the crucial need for local programming in my state.

On June 15, 2009, PMCM TV filed advisement notifications with the FCC regarding its intention to move a commercial VHF television station to New Jersey. Fortunately, Section 331 of the Communications Act properly provides opportunities, like the one initiated by PMCM TV, to provide commercial VHF channels to states like New Jersey that do not have a full-power commercial VHF channel.

While the type of filing being undertaken by PMCM TV is not common, there is precedent for it and on a prior occasion at which time on the FCC was able to act on channel reallocation within three months after the notification filing. Therefore, it is my hope that you can quickly review the PMCM TV's notifications and move forward on providing New Jersey VHF channel and the type of local programming content that its over eight million residents deserve.

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Please keep me informed regarding the FCC's action on the notification request filed by PMCM TV and any other initiatives the FCC will be taking to provide local programming to New Jersey residents. Please do not hesitate to contact me or David Kush of my staff at 202-225-3765 if you have any further questions regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Smith', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress