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December 28, 2009

Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

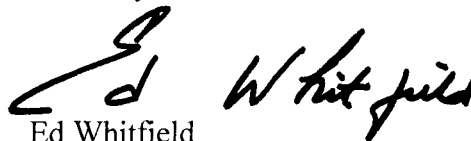
I am writing on behalf of the citizens of Kentucky, more than 50,000 of whom will be impacted by the outcome of negotiations between Mediacom Communications Corporation and Sinclair Broadcasting Group over retransmission consent rights for a number of broadcast stations serving our state.

As you may be aware, failure to reach a related compromise in early 2007 resulted in Mediacom customers losing Sinclair's Lexington, KY based FOX station, WDKY; Nashville, TN based FOX, CW and MyNTV stations, WZTV, WNAB and WUXP; and Paducah, KY-Cape Girardeau, MO-Harrisburg, IL based FOX and MyNTV stations, KBSI and WDKA. During the four week impasse, some Kentucky residents were unable to view the network programming, sports, local news and weather reports carried by these stations.

I am hopeful the parties can come to agreement on their own accord. However, in the event the parties do not come to an agreement, I write to you today asking that the FCC do everything in its power to ensure that a disruption in service does not occur.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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