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The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
U.S. House of Representatives
1502 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Abercrombie:

Thank you for your letter concerning the joint operation of three television broadcast stations that are licensed to Honolulu, Hawaii. Specifically, you request that the Commission examine the operation of KHNL(TV) and KFVE(TV), which are owned by Raycom Media, Inc., and KGMB(TV), which is licensed to HITV License Subsidiary, Inc.

As you may know, on October 7, 2009, Media Council Hawaii filed a *Complaint and Request for Emergency Relief* concerning the planned joint operations of KHNL, KFVE, and KGMB. In its *Complaint*, Media Council asserts that the joint agreement between Raycom and HITV would result in a *de facto* triopoly that would violate the Commission's rules governing the ownership of local television broadcast stations, as well as the Commission's policies concerning diversity, localism, competition.

The joint operating agreement between Raycom and HITV currently is under review in the Commission's Media Bureau. On October 23, 2009, and November 10, 2009, Bureau staff requested additional documentation from Raycom and HITV. Please be assured that the *Complaint* filed by the Media Council, the pleadings and additional documents submitted by Raycom and HITV, as well as the views discussed in your correspondence, will be considered carefully as the Bureau evaluates this matter. The Bureau anticipates completing its review concerning the joint operations of KHNL, KFVE, and KGMB in the near future.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", written over a horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski