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Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St, S.W.  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am resending my letter dated October 16, 2009, and have sent copies to the parties listed below to comply with FCC ex parte rules.

I am writing to call on the FCC to carefully review Raycom Media and MCG Capitol's plan for the Joint Operation of Television Stations KHNL, KFVE and KGMB in Honolulu, Hawaii. It is important to ensure that Hawaii's public interest does not suffer because of this merger.

The merger cannot help but lead to the loss of editorial diversity and may violate FCC ownership rules. Three stations will be combining their news and editorial functions, which will lead to fewer perspectives in the news and fewer outlets for the public.

The FCC should also review the merger as it may be in violation of the Commission's local television ownership limit. KGMB and KHNL are ranked among the top four stations in the Honolulu market, which is a violation of the rule.

I implore you to review this proposed joint operation plan, and respond with your findings. The broadcast landscape in Hawaii will be dramatically changed by this plan, and I would like to ensure that it does not diminish the public good. Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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