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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to thank you for your informative letter regarding my initial November 25, 2009, correspondence regarding the notification filed with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) by PMCM TV, and also for your offer to be of further assistance on this important pending matter.

As I am sure you realize, there have been long-running concerns in my state regarding the lack of a VHF television station, the largest state in the nation to lack such a broadcast facility. Fortunately, this lingering New Jersey issue can be resolved with the approval of PMCM's FCC notification.

As mentioned in my earlier letter, Section 331 of the Communications Act, which ensures that at least one such VHF channel shall be allocated to states like New Jersey, is designed to address and solve this problem. Therefore, I was pleased to learn of the current efforts the FCC is undertaking in regard to Section 331 and the FCC's interest in making New Jersey VHF television a reality.

Regarding the present "technical studies" being undertaken by the FCC to provide for a VHF television station in New Jersey, I would like to recommend a meeting of all stakeholders involved with the technical aspect of PMCM's notification, including any current objectors. I have found that personal meetings of this type have often helped facilitate and quicken decisions when several-parties with varying perspectives are involved.

Therefore, it is my hope that a meeting involving you or any designate of your choice, PMCM TV technical engineers, and all other interested parties can be convened at your earliest convenience so that this issue, so important to New Jersey, can quickly be resolved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or David Kush of my staff at 202-225-3765 if you have any further questions. And again, thank you for your prompt response to my earlier letter and the FCC's diligent review of the application filed by PMCM TV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris H. Smith".

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress