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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
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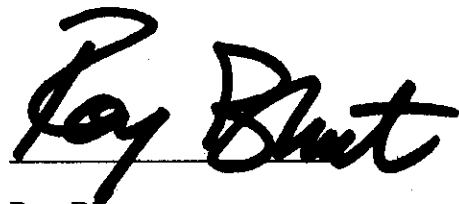
Chairman Genachowski:

On March 9, several companies and organizations filed with the FCC a joint petition for rulemaking on the subject of retransmission consent. Comments on that petition were due May 18 and reply comments, June 3.

In their submissions, the petitioners and commenting parties made a number of compelling arguments, both for and against changes to current regulations. The volume and substance of those arguments suggest this issue deserves further study and consideration.

To be clear, we are not choosing sides in this matter nor are we advocating a specific resolution. To the contrary: After further study, the Commission might very well conclude that no changes to the current system are warranted. Hence, we advocate nothing more than that the Commission, as the agency of primary jurisdiction, open a formal proceeding on retransmission consent and develop a complete record, with the goal of helping all concerned parties understand how this subject might be most productively addressed and the public interest most effectively served, be it through maintaining or altering the status quo.

Sincere regards,



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Member of Congress