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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you may know, I have been working in Congress to bring greater choice to television viewers in so-called "orphan counties" with no access to in-state broadcasting. Two years ago, I introduced the Local Television Freedom Act of 2009, which ultimately led to the study you are now conducting regarding orphan counties. I am writing to you today to reemphasize how important this issue is to my district and the people I represent.

My constituents are Arkansans and are typically most interested in news, weather, and sports from Little Rock. However, for reasons I have never fully understood, seven counties in my district are located in the Shreveport, Louisiana DMA and two counties are located in the Monroe, Louisiana DMA.

This means that thousands of my constituents receive Louisiana news, weather, and sports. It means that, on Fall Saturdays, they have to watch LSU Tigers football rather than Arkansas Razorbacks football.

When I return to my district each week, I hear about a variety of issues, but I can assure you that no issue resonates in my district more than the question of why they are forced to watch Louisiana television. Unfortunately, I have never been able to give them a good answer.

As you prepare your report, I ask you to keep my constituents in mind. I hope to find in your report specific recommendations for Congress that we can use to create legislation increasing the number of local choices available to television viewers in orphan counties.

Sincerely,

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