



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
U.S. House of Representatives
2230 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Emerson:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to consider possible amendments to its rules governing retransmission consent negotiations between television broadcasters and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs). I appreciate your support of the Commission's action in this important matter. Your letter has been placed in the record of the proceeding, and your views will be carefully considered.

As you note, there have been significant changes in the video programming marketplace since the retransmission consent regime was adopted by Congress in 1992. Our goal in the proceeding is to take a fresh look and update and clarify our rules within the scope of the current statutory framework. We requested specific information regarding the concerns raised by small MVPDs, such as those in your District, and will carefully evaluate the record before us.

The public comment period is scheduled to close on June 27, 2011. The Bureau then will begin its review and make recommendations for the full Commission. We intend to complete our review expeditiously.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski