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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

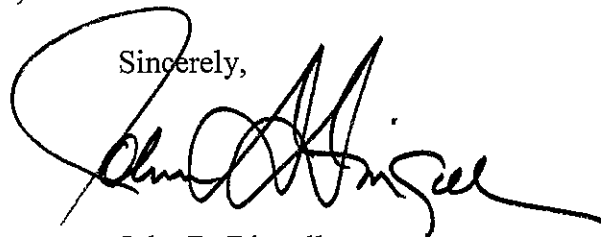
I write concerning the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 11-31) seeking comment on proposals to the Commission's rules governing retransmission consent negotiations. The Commission's work examining whether developments in the video marketplace since passage of the Cable Television and Consumer Protection Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-385) necessitate changes to the current retransmission consent rules is important.

While I believe it is important that the Commission proceed with due deliberation on this and other matters, I encourage the Commission to complete its rulemaking on retransmission consent by year's end. Moreover, the Commission's recognition of its limited authority with respect to retransmission consent – most notably in paragraph 19 of the NPRM – and the remedies requested by petitioners suggests that excessive delay on this matter can be avoided.

Thank you for your kind attention to my concerns. Reasonable action by the Commission concerning retransmission consent will provide greater certainty in the video marketplace and ultimately benefit American consumers.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



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