



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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CHAIRMAN

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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the retransmission consent negotiations between DIRECTV and Sunbeam Television Corporation. I share your concern for consumers caught in the middle of protracted negotiations. As you know, Commission staff continually monitored this situation and reached out to the parties for status updates. I am pleased that the parties were able to reach an agreement.

Commission staff is reviewing the record developed in response to the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to determine if proposed changes to its retransmission consent rules are warranted. The Commission also remains available as a resource if Congress chooses to revisit the statutory framework for retransmission consent.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JG", written over a horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski