



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

June 14, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Daniel Akaka  
United States Senate  
141 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Akaka:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's efforts to require television broadcasters to post their public files online – including their political files. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding.

Congress has mandated through the Communications Act that broadcasters have unique public interest obligations, including the public availability of a broadcast station's political file. The Commission recently acted to ensure that television broadcasters' public files, including the political files, be accessible not just in hard-to-access physical filing cabinets, but online. This requirement not only promotes transparency and accessibility, but based on the record in this proceeding will result in long-term efficiencies and cost savings for broadcasters. I am pleased that the Commission took this important action to modernize its public file procedures in order to make this important information more accessible to the public.

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

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The Honorable Mark Begich  
United States Senate  
144 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Begich:

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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's efforts to require television broadcasters to post their public files online – including their political files. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Al Franken  
United States Senate  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Franken:

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's efforts to require television broadcasters to post their public files online – including their political files. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding.

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
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The Honorable Jon Tester  
United States Senate  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's efforts to require television broadcasters to post their public files online – including their political files. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding.

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
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The Honorable Tom Udall  
United States Senate  
110 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's efforts to require television broadcasters to post their public files online – including their political files. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding.

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senate  
502 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

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