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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

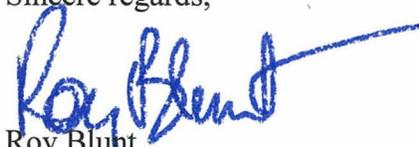
On April 19, 2018, a broadcast tower in Fordland, Missouri collapsed, disabling a broadcast service in southwest Missouri. The tower belongs to Ozark Public Television, a television broadcast station owned by Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.

The tower collapse resulted in a loss of service for channel KOZK-21 in Springfield. The collapse occurred during maintenance in preparation for the station's infrastructure changes, in accordance with phase one of the transition schedule for the Broadcast Incentive Auction. The cause is currently unclear, however, I am concerned that this will affect the station's ability to comply with the FCC's Incentive Auction transition schedule, as well as the station's ability to receive reimbursement for their infrastructure moves.

The FCC has worked very closely with broadcasters in Missouri and across the nation to ensure that broadcast facilities are transitioned to new channels as efficiently as possible. I ask that the FCC work directly with Ozark Public Television, Missouri State University, and relevant stakeholders in the Springfield, Missouri community to provide information and resources necessary to mitigate issues related to the tower collapse and the Broadcast Incentive Auction.

I appreciate any assistance that you can provide to the station as it considers options to relocate its physical infrastructure.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator

CC: Mr. Donald Stockdale
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