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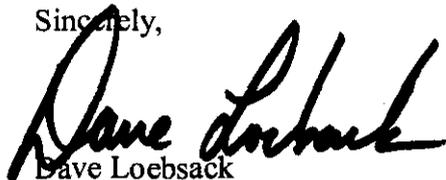
Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I have recently received correspondence from a number of my constituents who are concerned that they will soon lose access to free local television channels. The impetus for these calls is the proposed upcoming auctions of broadcast spectrum, which will be used to provide additional spectrum for wireless.

For this reason, I write to request that, should you develop a detailed proposal for broadcast spectrum auctions, you take the needs of consumers into account. Many of my constituents, particularly those who are low-income, rely solely on local television services for news and information. In the event of an emergency, access to local television is even more important in order for these consumers to stay up to date. It is imperative that these services be maintained for everyone, not just those who can afford to pay for additional channels.

Once again, I urge you to please assure that any decisions you make regarding upcoming broadcast spectrum auctions do not affect access to free local television. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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