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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Rockefeller:

Thank you for your letter regarding Commission review of license transactions involving shared service agreements (SSAs), and the relationship of SSAs to the Commission's broadcast ownership rules.

The Commission bears a very important responsibility in ensuring that license holders act in the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Your letter highlights significant issues for the Commission to contemplate in administering that responsibility with respect to broadcast licensing and ownership, and I have circulated an item for consideration at the March Open Meeting that will seek additional comment on the issues related to SSAs, including whether such agreements should be disclosed publicly. I will ensure that your letter is placed in the quadrennial ownership review docket. Additionally, we will take these issues into consideration when reviewing media license transfer applications.

I appreciate your taking the time to share your views on this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler