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The Hon. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I write to you regarding a matter involving WDBJ Television, Inc., a station located in Roanoke, Virginia that broadcasts programming to the Roanoke Valley and other portions of Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

The Federal Communications Commission has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to WDBJ and proposed a fine of \$325,000 for violating FCC indecency regulations (File Nos.: EB-IHD-14-00016819, EB-12-IH-1363; NAL/Acct. No.: 201532080010; FRN: 0002061737 Facility ID No.: 71329). WDBJ has informed me that the station is contesting the findings of liability and the fine. WDBJ has provided my office with information it believes shows the incident in question was inadvertent and that the station took corrective measures to prevent similar problems since the incident occurred and in the future.

I have represented the Roanoke area and other parts of WDBJ's coverage area since 1993. While I do not condone what occurred on the air, WDBJ has consistently distinguished itself in serving its viewers and the greater community.

The fine proposed by the FCC is the largest fine for indecency ever proposed by the agency. I respectfully ask the FCC to give full and fair consideration in reviewing WDBJ's appeals. I additionally ask you to inform me about the FCC's final decision in this matter.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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