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Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I write regarding an issue that has been brought to my attention by WDBJ Television, Inc. (WDBJ), a local television station which broadcasts into my district. I appreciate your attention to this matter and ask that you keep me updated about the situation.

As you are aware, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to WDBJ and proposed a fine of \$325,000 for violating the FCC's indecency policies. I understand that WDBJ is contesting the findings of liability and monetary forfeiture proposed by the FCC. WDBJ has provided our offices documentation asserting that the incident in question was inadvertent and that corrective measures have been taken to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future. Enclosed with this letter are the documents WDBJ provided to my office.

While I do not condone what happened, I have lived in and served as an elected official in WDBJ's coverage area for decades. WDBJ has long been an outstanding member of my community.

Given the severity of the fine, which I understand from WDBJ to be the largest fine for indecency ever proposed by the FCC, I ask that the FCC take care in reviewing WDBJ's appeal. Additionally, please keep my office abreast of the FCC's decision in this case.

Sincerely,



H. MORGAN GRIFFITH  
Member of Congress