



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

November 24, 2015

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to act swiftly to initiate a rulemaking on the heels of the report from the Downloadable Security Technical Advisory Committee (DSTAC) to ensure that Americans can use set-top boxes of their choice to view MVPD programming. Your views are very important and will be considered as part of the Commission's review.

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The Honorable Cory Booker  
United States Senate  
141 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Booker:

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
United States Senate  
311 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

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The Honorable Al Franken  
United States Senate  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Franken:

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

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United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Sanders:

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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
C2 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Warren:

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