



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

January 10, 2012

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The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Walden:

Thank you for the opportunity to update the Committee on the workload of the Commission.

When I arrived at the Commission, I asked the staff to focus on reducing the backlogged applications and petitions, and work to close out stale dockets. I am pleased to report that the Commission has made progress in reducing the backlog in a number of areas.

Because of the hard work of the Commission staff, the number of license and license renewal applications pending at the Commission has reduced by 12 percent. Notably, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau has reduced its pending applications by 38 percent, the International Bureau has reduced its pending applications by 52 percent, and the Media Bureau has reduced the number of applications pending more than 5 years by 43 percent.

Additionally, the Commission has reduced the number of pending petitions for reconsideration and applications for review by 24 percent. The Media Bureau alone has reduced the number of petitions for reconsideration and applications for review pending more than two years by 43 percent.

Further, there are items, such as indecency complaints, which are currently out of the Commission's control. Ninety-nine percent of all consumer complaints pending more than two years cannot be resolved by Commission while courts consider the indecency issues.

Finally, through a diligent effort involving all of the Bureaus and Offices a significant number of stale dockets were closed. The number of open dockets has been reduced by 43 percent and the number of dockets with no filings in over 5 years has been reduced by 89 percent.

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As our efforts show, the Commission has continued to make great improvement in addressing its backlog. We must continue to improve and I remain committed to continuing our efforts to reduce the Commission's backlog.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski



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The Honorable Cliff Stearns
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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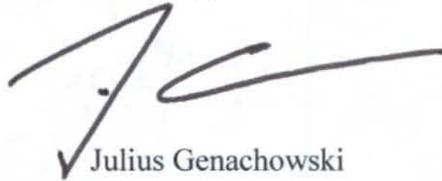
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