



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

November 4, 2014

The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
383 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Fischer:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for improved access to video programming, including programming specific to rural communities, and how it relates to the pending merger reviews at the Commission. I appreciate hearing your views.

As you note, the Commission currently is reviewing proposed transactions between Comcast and Time Warner Cable, as well as AT&T and DirecTV. Within these pending transactions, programming issues – including program carriage – are one of the many issues raised by commenters. With regard to your specific concern about rural-focused programming, I can confirm that these issues have been highlighted in both proceedings by RFD-TV, a cable and satellite television network headquartered in your state, along with many of its viewers.

Please be assured that the views of RFD-TV and its viewers will be given careful consideration as the staff reviews the record in the proceedings. Additionally, your letter will be made a part of the record in both of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler