

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 8, 2013

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We understand that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has begun to implement spectrum incentive auction provisions as authorized in The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. As you proceed with the rulemaking process, we ask the commission to take into consideration the unique challenges facing New Hampshire viewers.

The foundation of the 2012 law is broadly supported - to provide expanded opportunity and access to broadband services. To achieve that goal, spectrum will need to be cleared and made available for broadband use. This incentive auction process could eventually lead to reassignment of certain television channels that could affect New Hampshire viewers.

Television audiences in our state rely on their local stations every day for news, emergency information, sports and entertainment. Given our proximity to the northern border, and with a majority of our state's viewers served by the dense Boston designated market area, channel realignment poses challenges for our state and could put viewers at risk.

We ask that the commission work diligently to preserve viewer access during any reassignment of television channels. We hope you will allow the public to review and understand these proposed changes, and we ask that you please keep us apprised.

Thank you for your consideration.

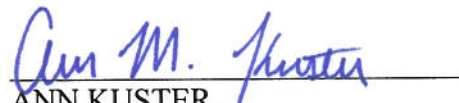
Sincerely,



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cc: Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Pai, Commissioner Rosenworcel