

The Honorable Gordon H. Smith
President and CEO



July 29, 2013

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2268 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rush:

I write to lend the support of the National Association of Broadcasters to your bill, the Wireless Microphone Users Interference Protection Act of 2013, which is a clear step in the right direction. The bill establishes two safe haven channels for wireless microphones and further protects wireless microphone operations from harmful interference.

Licensed wireless microphones are a vital component of the local service that television broadcasters provide. Stations use microphones to support newsgathering activities and to perform numerous critical internal operations. Without safe haven protections for these operations, broadcasters may not be able to provide on-the-scene coverage of breaking news, emergency information, political events and other time-sensitive situations. Moreover, the spectrum available for these essential operations is already congested, and likely to become more so in the future.

The Wireless Microphone Users Interference Protection Act of 2013 is an important step towards safeguarding licensed wireless microphones from interference. Thank you for introducing this bill. We look forward to working with you on this legislation vital to broadcasting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon H. Smith", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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