

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 3, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

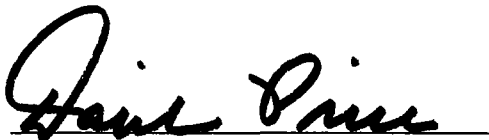
We are writing to express our concerns about a proposal to place unlicensed personal/portable devices on television channels (OET Docket No. 04-186; 02-380).

While the FCC should be open to the use of white spaces to provide wireless broadband service in underserved areas, the findings of the Office of Engineering and Technology in its July 31 report make clear that the technology does not yet exist to properly facilitate such use. As you know, the report found that the "White Space Devices submitted to the Commission for initial evaluation do not consistently sense or detect TV broadband or wireless microphone signals." In addition to intruding on spectrum reserved for broadcasters, the interference from these devices would almost certainly cause additional confusion and frustration for consumers that would complicate the digital television transition.

The FCC should continue to seek out and encourage new ways to make broadband more widely available. In keeping with that priority, the FCC should continue to test new personal/portable devices to determine whether they can effectively utilize spectrum white spaces without interfering with TV broadcasts or wireless microphone signals. Unless and until such interference issues can be resolved and the FCC can consider a mechanism to license and locate such devices, however, the FCC should not authorize the use of such devices.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



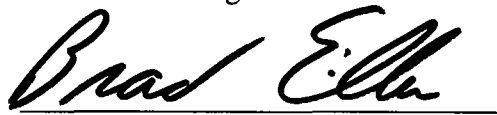
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