

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 11, 2007

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

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing to express our concern about an issue that has the potential to impact residents and businesses alike in the State of Ohio. In particular, we are concerned that the decision to allow unlicensed, personal, and portable devices to operate in the television broadcast spectrum would negatively impact consumers of digital television as well as those businesses and organizations that produce and broadcast television programming.

Advances in technology have not only changed the way consumers view television programs but have enhanced the quality of programs delivered by television broadcasters. News, entertainment, sports business, and other industries are able to deliver content in a whole new light. Yet, at the same time, technology has created situations in which these delivery systems cannot coexist. According to a study conducted by the FCC, the use of personal and portable devices, particularly during the broadcasts of live events, was the likely source of interference in 80 to 87 percent of a television station's broadcast coverage area. With more than one million unlicensed, portable devices expected to enter the market over the next few years, the likelihood that television programming will be affected by these devices is a real threat.

We fully support efforts to deliver the most advanced technology, such as digital television and broadband, to rural areas. However, we do not believe that these efforts should come at the expense of those who rely on television broadcasts as their source of programming. We would appreciate your close attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
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Pat Tibb.